



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

COMMISSIONER
H. L. Whitman, Jr.

September 28, 2017

DFPS REPORT/PUBLICATION CLEARANCE REQUEST

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER

THROUGH: Kristene Blackstone
Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services

FROM: Jane Burstain
Director of Systems Improvement

SUBJECT: 2017 Rider 15 Data

Purpose

To request your approval to submit the attached report on annual disproportionality data to the Legislature as required by Rider 15, House Bill 1, 84th Legislature, 2015.

Background/Summary

DFPS began submitting annual data on disproportionality in the seven largest counties in Texas to the Legislature with fiscal year 2009 data. This report includes fiscal year 2017 data as of September 20, 2017.

The data show disparate removals of African American and/or Hispanic children, relative to their numbers in the child population in Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Tarrant and Travis Counties.

The data show disparate removals of Anglo children relative to their number in the child population in El Paso County. Also included in the report is Hidalgo County, which showed virtually no disproportionality for African American or Hispanic children in removals.

Comments from External Relations – Rachel Nicholson

No comments or concerns.

Recommendation

Staff recommends submission of annual disproportionality data to the Legislature, as required by Rider 15, House Bill 1, 84th Legislature, 2015.

Commissioner's Decision

Approve



Disapprove

Modify

Schedule Briefing

Comments/Acknowledgment



Attachments

cc: Trevor Woodruff, Deputy Commissioner