



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Senate Bill 195_86R

Collection and Reporting of Alcohol and Controlled Substance Statistics.

Senate Bill 195 of the 86th Texas legislative session required the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to make changes to Information Management Protecting Adults & Children in Texas (IMPACT) to collect information related to children who test positive at birth for the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance, as well as substance use information on the parents of those children. The department would record the following data under Section [264.019\(a\)](#)¹:

- (1) the number of children reported to the department who at birth tested positive for the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance;
- (2) the controlled substances for which the children described by subsection (a)(1) tested positive;
- (3) the number of children described by subsection (a)(1) who were removed from their homes and have been diagnosed as having a disability or chronic medical condition resulting from the presence of alcohol or controlled substances; and
- (4) the number of parents who test positive for the presence of a controlled substance during a department investigation of a report of abuse or neglect of the parent's child.

Section [264.019\(b\)](#) states the department is required to produce the report not later than November 1 of each year. The report shall contain information from the preceding year with information from Section 264.019(a) (see above) and discharge data for Medicaid recipients collected under Government Code Section [531.02143 relating to the treatment of newborns for prenatal exposure to alcohol or controlled substance](#). The department must post a copy of the report to its website and submit a report electronically to the legislature.

Section [264.019\(d\)](#) states the department is required to update the department's automated case tracking and information management system only if the commissioner of the department determines that the legislature has specifically appropriated the necessary funding to update IMPACT. If the commissioner of the department does not make that determination, the department shall implement this section not later than the date of the

¹ All statutory references are to the Texas Family Code unless otherwise specified.

department's next update of the automated case tracking and information management system (i.e., IMPACT).

Currently, IMPACT has no mechanism that allows for the collection of the data specified in Section [264.019\(a\)](#). Although this data may currently be entered under "contact narratives," to pull this information would require a manual read of all investigations. This would be costly and time-consuming since the data is manually entered on a case by case basis and not readily searchable.

As of September 1, 2022, no funds have been appropriated to update IMPACT related to the collection and tracking of data set forth in Section 264.019.