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## Judge says state laws fail abused children

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush wants to increase funding for the agency that investigates Texas' child abuse cases, his spokesperson said after a judge argued the state is failing young victims of violence and neglect.

Bush and state legislators received an unusual petition Wednesday from District Judge Scott McCown calling for more state resources to ease the strain on an overburdened child welfare system.

"If Governor Bush is reelected I want him to do for Child Protective Services what he did for juvenile justice," McCown, who has presided over 1,400 cases involving 2,500 children since becoming a judge in 1989, said.

Using a citizen's grievance procedure outlined in the Texas Constitution, McCown recommended two cents of every dollar from the state's anticipated multi-billion-dollar budget surplus be set aside to help abused and neglected children. With a federal match, that would raise about \$200 million, McCown said.

Included in the 42-page study McCown turned over to legislators, the judge said he found too few reports of child abuse are investigated because of a lack of resources and overworked caseworkers.

"I'm not talking about a problem that we've lived with forever, we're talking about a problem that's gotten steadily worse," McCown said. He said the worst

cases get costly attention, but the state should also focus on early intervention.

"Although funding for CPS has increased, he (Bush) agrees with Judge McCown that we need to do more," said Linda Edwards, spokesperson for Bush.

Bush will consider McCown's proposals and is already working on a plan to increase funding for caseworkers and for foster care services, Edwards said. The governor, who is seeking reelection against Democrat Garry Mauro, has not decided how much of an increase he will recommend, she said.

Child Protective Services—which is managed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services—has a \$990 million budget for 1998-99, but will ask that it increase to more than \$1 billion for the next two-year cycle, agency spokesperson Marla Sheely said.

The Legislature has worked to decrease the time it takes get children out of foster care and increased the number of caseworkers, said Rep. Toby Goodman, who heads the House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee.

Goodman, R-Arlington, said while he respects McCown's opinion the state is already addressing problems with Child Protective Services. "I do not want to adopt a policy where we are going to go into people's homes with the assumption that abuse is going on," he said.

McCown found that the average caseload for Texas child abuse investigators was 27, more than twice the average caseload of 12 recommended by Child Welfare League of America.



BUSH

## Group says raids by INS violated rights of aliens

BOSTON (AP) — Immigration agents violated immigrants' civil rights while conducting raids, forcing some aliens to answer questions, storage coolers and shackling others in front of children, a report released Wednesday said.

The report, issued by the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, studied 235 raids, the bulk of which occurred between June 1997 and June 1998. The raids took place at businesses, schools and homes, the report said.

Immigration and Naturalization Service officials acknowledged problems in the past, but say policies spell out what procedures are to be followed in spot inspections by the INS, which opposed the word "raid."

The agency said it does not keep statistics on how many inspections it does each year. But it does not discriminate, and a complaint has been filed before an inspection is authorized.

"I was treated like I was a criminal and the thing I have done is not have papers," Rene Lucas, a 23-year-old from Guatemala who has applied for political asylum, said.

Lucas said he was working at a factory near year in New Bedford when INS agents stormed in and demanded his papers. He said the agents were not uniformed and he did not know what was going on until he had been handcuffed.

"The men told us that we would have been treated worse if we would have resisted," Lucas said.

On April 23, INS agents went to the First Florida distributor in Miami, demanded residential papers from workers, and allegedly forced them to answer questions on the wet, cold floor of a degree flower storage area.

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