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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: BURROWS

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Section 201.005, Family Code, is amended by
5 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

6 (b-1) A party may file a written objection to an associate
7 judge hearing any proceeding in a child protection case. If an
8 objection is filed, the referring court shall hear all remaining
9 proceedings in the suit, including a full adversary hearing, status
10 hearing, permanency hearing, or trial on the merits.

11 SECTION _____. Section 264.009, Family Code, is amended by
12 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

13 (g) A person who is a party to an action under this code may
14 file a written objection to the representation of the department in
15 the action by an attorney described by Subsection (d) or (e). If an
16 objection is filed, the department shall be represented in the
17 action as provided under Subsection (a), (b), or (f), as
18 appropriate.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: BURROWS

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Sections 262.201(b) and (c), Family Code, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (b) At the conclusion of the full adversary hearing, the
7 court shall order the return of the child to the parent, managing
8 conservator, possessory conservator, guardian, caretaker, or
9 custodian entitled to possession unless the court finds sufficient
10 evidence to produce in the mind of a reasonable person a firm belief
11 or conviction [~~satisfy a person of ordinary prudence and caution~~]
12 that:

13 (1) there was a danger to the physical health or safety
14 of the child, including a danger that the child would be a victim of
15 trafficking under Section 20A.02 or 20A.03, Penal Code, which was
16 caused by an act or failure to act of the person entitled to
17 possession and for the child to remain in the home is contrary to
18 the welfare of the child;

19 (2) the urgent need for protection required the
20 immediate removal of the child and reasonable efforts, consistent
21 with the circumstances and providing for the safety of the child,
22 were made to eliminate or prevent the child's removal; and

23 (3) reasonable efforts have been made to enable the
24 child to return home, but there is a substantial risk of a
25 continuing danger if the child is returned home.

26 (c) If the court finds sufficient evidence to produce in the
27 mind of a reasonable person a firm belief or conviction [~~satisfy a~~
28 ~~person of ordinary prudence and caution~~] that there is a continuing
29 danger to the physical health or safety of the child and for the

1 child to remain in the home is contrary to the welfare of the child,
2 the court shall issue an appropriate temporary order under Chapter
3 105. The court shall require each parent, alleged father, or
4 relative of the child before the court to complete the proposed
5 child placement resources form provided under Section 261.307 and
6 file the form with the court, if the form has not been previously
7 filed with the court, and provide the Department of Family and
8 Protective Services with information necessary to locate any other
9 absent parent, alleged father, or relative of the child. The court
10 shall inform each parent, alleged father, or relative of the child
11 before the court that the person's failure to submit the proposed
12 child placement resources form will not delay any court proceedings
13 relating to the child. The court shall inform each parent in open
14 court that parental and custodial rights and duties may be subject
15 to restriction or to termination unless the parent or parents are
16 willing and able to provide the child with a safe environment. If
17 the court finds that the child requires protection from family
18 violence by a member of the child's family or household, the court
19 shall render a protective order under Title 4 for the child. In
20 this subsection, "family violence" has the meaning assigned by
21 Section 71.004.

22 SECTION _____. Section 262.205(b), Family Code, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 (b) After the hearing, the court may grant the request to
25 remove the child from the parent, managing conservator, possessory
26 conservator, guardian, caretaker, or custodian entitled to
27 possession of the child if the court finds sufficient evidence to
28 produce in the mind of a reasonable person a firm belief or
29 conviction [~~satisfy a person of ordinary prudence and caution~~]
30 that:

31 (1) reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or

- 1 eliminate the need to remove the child from the child's home; and
- 2 (2) allowing the child to remain in the home would be
- 3 contrary to the child's welfare.



17 MAY -6 PM 3:56
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: COLEMAN

Amend CSHB 6 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____ . Chapter 122, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 122.005 and 122.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 122.005. FAMILY DRUG COURT STUDY. (a) Not later than September 1, 2018, the commissioners court of each county that has not established a family drug court program shall study the effect the creation of a family drug court would have in the county. The sheriff and, as applicable, the county attorney, district attorney, or criminal district attorney shall assist in conducting the study.

The study must analyze the effectiveness of:

(1) creating a court that specializes in cases in which a parent or person standing in parental relation suffers from drug addiction; and

(2) case management used by a family drug court program, including the involvement of Department of Family and Protective Services caseworkers, court-appointed case managers, and court-appointed special advocates, to rehabilitate a parent or person standing in parental relation who has had a child removed from the parent's or person's care by the department or who is under investigation to determine if a child should be removed from the care of the parent or person standing in parental relation by the department.

(b) Each commissioners court in a county conducting the study

required by Subsection (a) shall request assistance from:

(1) judges located in the county;

(2) child protective services caseworkers and

supervisors;

(3) attorneys ad litem;

(4) guardians ad litem;

(5) drug treatment providers;

(6) family and child therapists;

(7) peer recovery coach providers;

(8) domestic violence victim advocates;

(9) housing partners;

(10) drug coordinators;

(11) drug court services managers; and

(12) drug court case managers.

(c) This section expires January 1, 2019.

Sec. 122.006. GRANT FUNDING FOR FAMILY DRUG COURTS. (a) The family drug court fund is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund in the state treasury.

(b) The family drug court fund consists of:

(1) appropriations of money to the fund by the legislature; and

(2) gifts, grants, including grants from the federal government, and other donations received for the fund.

(c) The Health and Human Services Commission shall administer the family drug court fund. Money in the account may be

used only to pay counties to establish and administer a family drug court. To receive money from the family drug court fund a county must submit the study conducted under Section 122.005 on the effect of the creation of a family drug court in the county and a detailed proposal of the establishment of the court.

(d) Grants will only be made when funds are available.

SECTION _____. The Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules establishing the criteria for awarding a grant to counties to establish a family drug court under Section 122.006, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2018.



17 MAY -7 AM 10:59
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Dukes

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 264.1212 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 264.1212. PILOT PROGRAM FOR FINANCIAL TRANSITIONAL
7 LIVING SERVICES. (a) The department shall establish a pilot
8 program to assist foster children in the conservatorship of the
9 department to achieve financial security and independence as the
10 children transition to independent living.

11 (b) The department shall enter into an agreement with a
12 credit union or other financial institution to establish savings
13 accounts for foster children who, under an agreement with the
14 department and credit union or other financial institution,
15 participate in the pilot program. The agreement may include, as
16 appropriate, the following terms:

17 (1) subject to Subsection (j), a prohibition on a
18 foster child withdrawing money from the savings account until the
19 earlier of:

20 (A) the first anniversary of the date the first
21 deposit is made into the savings account; or

22 (B) the date the balance in the savings account
23 first equals or exceeds \$2,000;

24 (2) a requirement that the department and the credit
25 union or other financial institution together encourage the foster
26 children participating in the program to open private savings
27 accounts once the participants are no longer eligible for foster
28 care services; and

29 (3) procedures to transfer ownership and control of

1 the account to the participants exiting the program who are no
2 longer eligible for foster care services.

3 (c) The department may seek to partner with a person,
4 including a foundation, to match the amounts of money deposited
5 into the foster children savings accounts under the pilot program.
6 The matching funds must be deposited directly into the child's
7 savings account.

8 (d) The department and the person selected as a partner
9 under Subsection (c) may jointly establish incentives to provide
10 financial rewards to foster children for actions performed by the
11 children, including college visits or attendance at financial
12 education classes. The financial rewards may only be paid by the
13 person and are not available for matching funds provided under
14 Subsection (c).

15 (e) Not later than January 1 of each even-numbered year, the
16 department may select not more than 20 foster children who are age
17 16 or older to participate in the pilot program established under
18 this section.

19 (f) Money that may be deposited in a foster child's savings
20 account established under the pilot program includes:

21 (1) money earned by the child through employment or
22 allowance;

23 (2) gift money;

24 (3) money deposited by the child's foster parent or by
25 a parent or other relative of the child;

26 (4) money received from the person selected as a
27 partner under Subsection (c) as financial incentives or matching
28 funds; and

29 (5) other money authorized under the department's
30 agreement with the credit union or other financial institution.

31 (g) The department shall survey each foster child who enters

1 and exits the pilot program. The survey must be designed to assess
2 any changes in the child's attitudes, perceptions, and knowledge
3 about financial matters from the time the child entered the program
4 until the child exited the program.

5 (h) The department shall complete an evaluation of the pilot
6 program not later than December 31, 2022.

7 (i) The department shall submit a report on the evaluation
8 of the pilot program conducted under Subsection (h) to the
9 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
10 representatives as soon as the evaluation is complete. The
11 department shall submit a second report evaluating the pilot
12 program to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the
13 house of representatives not later than December 31, 2024.

14 (j) A foster child may not be denied the rights granted
15 under Section 264.0111 to control money earned by the child that is
16 deposited into a savings account under the pilot program.

17 (k) This section expires December 31, 2024.

18 SECTION _____. As soon as practicable after the effective
19 date of this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services
20 shall establish the pilot program as required by Section 264.1212,
21 Family Code, as added by this Act.



17 MAY -7 AM 10: 58
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: DUKES

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ . Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 264.130 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 264.130. PREGNANCY AND PARENTING INFORMATION AND
7 SERVICES. (a) The department shall collect:

8 (1) information on the number of children in the
9 managing conservatorship of the department who are minor parents;

10 (2) information on the number of children in the
11 managing conservatorship of the department who are also the
12 children of minor parents as described by Subdivision (1); and

13 (3) with respect to each child who is a minor parent
14 and each child of a minor parent in the managing conservatorship of
15 the department, statistics regarding each child's:

- 16 (A) age;
- 17 (B) ethnicity;
- 18 (C) type of substitute care placement;
- 19 (D) county of residence; and
- 20 (E) length of time in substitute care.

21 (b) The department shall prepare an annual report on the
22 information collected under Subsection (a) and make the report
23 available on the department's Internet website. The report may not
24 include any individually identifiable information regarding a
25 minor parent or child who is the subject of information in the
26 report.

27 (c) The department at developmentally appropriate stages
28 shall provide to children in the managing conservatorship of the
29 department who are pregnant or who are minor parents information on

1 and support in providing safe environments for children, including
2 information and support regarding:

3 (1) safe sleeping arrangements;

4 (2) suggestions for childproofing potentially
5 dangerous settings in a home;

6 (3) methods to cope with crying infants;

7 (4) selection of appropriate substitute caregivers;

8 (5) a child's early brain development, including the
9 importance of meeting an infant's developmental needs by providing
10 positive experiences and avoiding adverse experiences;

11 (6) the importance of paternal involvement in a
12 child's life; and

13 (7) the benefits of reading and talking to young
14 children.

15 (d) The department shall provide parenting skills training
16 and other services, including depression screening services, to
17 children in the managing conservatorship of the department who are
18 pregnant or minor parents.

19 (e) The department shall appropriately recruit, prepare,
20 train, and support individuals, including foster parents,
21 substitute caregivers, and mentors, who work directly with children
22 in the managing conservatorship of the department who are pregnant
23 or minor parents to ensure the individuals provide the specialized
24 care and support needed by those children.

25 SECTION ____ . As soon as practicable after the effective
26 date of this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services
27 shall collect the information, prepare the report, and provide the
28 services necessary to implement Section 264.130, Family Code, as
29 added by this Act.



17 MAY -7 PM 12:10

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. ~~HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES~~

BY: Dukes

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION __. Chapter 2162, Government Code, is amended by
5 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

6 SUBCHAPTER D. OUTSOURCING MAJOR FUNCTIONS

7 Sec. 2162.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

8 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
9 Commission.

10 (2) "Health and human services agency" has the
11 meaning assigned by Section 531.001.

12 Sec. 2162.152. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies in
13 relation to a contract, contract amendment, or contract
14 extension made or proposed to be made between the commission or
15 a health and human services agency and a private commercial
16 contractor only if:

17 (1) a service performed by the commission or agency
18 at the time the contract is awarded, amended, or extended will
19 be outsourced under the contract, contract amendment, or
20 contract extension; and

21 (2) the contract, contract amendment, or contract
22 extension, as applicable:

23 (A) will lead to the loss of 100 or more state
24 employee positions; or

25 (B) has a value of \$10 million or more.

26 Sec. 2162.153. COST ANALYSIS AND CONTRACT CONSIDERATIONS
27 FOR OUTSOURCING STATE SERVICES. (a) Before awarding, amending,
28 or extending a contract to which this subchapter applies, the
29 commission or a health and human services agency, as applicable,
30 shall perform a cost analysis comparing the commission's or

1 agency's costs of performing the service to be outsourced to the
2 costs of outsourcing the service as provided by this section.
3 The council, in making a determination under Section
4 2162.102(a), shall perform a cost analysis comparing the
5 commission's or agency's costs of performing a service to the
6 costs of outsourcing the service as provided by this section.

7 (b) In determining the costs of performing the service, an
8 analysis shall be prepared that includes:

9 (1) the commission's or health and human services
10 agency's actual cost of providing the service currently,
11 including:

12 (A) services provided by the comptroller,
13 attorney general, and other support agencies; and

14 (B) other indirect expenses related to the
15 performance of the service;

16 (2) the assumptions and documentation supporting the
17 actual cost determination under Subdivision (1); and

18 (3) recommendations for improving the commission's or
19 the health and human services agency's performance by developing
20 the most efficient organizational model to provide the service,
21 if applicable, including implementing recommendations of state
22 oversight agencies, including the Legislative Budget Board, the
23 state auditor, and the Sunset Advisory Commission.

24 (c) In comparing the cost of providing the service under
25 this section, the commission, health and human services agency,
26 or council shall:

27 (1) include the costs of a private contractor to
28 perform the state service and the cost to the commission or
29 agency of monitoring the contractor's performance against the
30 terms of the contract;

31 (2) include an assessment of whether the private
32 contractor is capable of providing a level of service comparable

1 to the level provided by the commission or agency that most
2 recently provided the service; and

3 (3) prepare and consider an estimate of the costs of
4 returning the performance of the service from the private
5 contractor to the commission or agency if necessary, including a
6 reasonable proposed schedule for actions necessary to return the
7 service to the commission or agency.

8 (d) The commission or a health and human services agency
9 performing a cost analysis under this section may consider a
10 reorganized service delivery method to compete directly with the
11 performance of a private contractor.

12 (e) A bid or contract for outsourcing a service must
13 include an analysis of health care benefits, retirement, and
14 workers' compensation insurance for a private contractor's
15 employees that are reasonably comparable to the health care
16 benefits, retirement, and workers' compensation insurance of
17 this state.

18 (f) A cost analysis under this section must cover a period
19 of at least one year and not more than five years.

20 Sec. 2162.154. REPORT; STATE AUDITOR REVIEW. (a) The
21 commission or a health and human services agency shall send the
22 analysis and supporting documentation required by Section
23 2162.153(b) to the governor, the chairs of the appropriate
24 legislative committees with jurisdiction over the commission or
25 agency, the Legislative Budget Board, and the state auditor. The
26 analysis and supporting documentation must be sent to the state
27 auditor before extending a solicitation for bids for, amending,
28 or extending a contract to which this subchapter applies.

29 (b) Based on a risk assessment, the state auditor may
30 review and comment on the methodology used to determine the
31 commission's or health and human services agency's cost required
32 by Section 2162.153(a). The state auditor shall provide the

1 results of the review and comment to the affected commission or
2 agency, the governor, the chairs of the appropriate legislative
3 committees with jurisdiction over the commission or agency, and
4 the Legislative Budget Board.

5 Sec. 2162.155. AUDIT AUTHORITY. (a) Based on a risk
6 assessment performed by the state auditor, a cost analysis under
7 Section 2162.153 is subject to audit by the state auditor in
8 accordance with Chapter 321.

9 (b) Based on a risk assessment performed by the state
10 auditor, a contract to which this subchapter applies is subject
11 to audit by the state auditor in accordance with Chapter 321.
12 The private contractor shall pay the costs of an audit conducted
13 under this subsection. In conducting the audit, the state
14 auditor may:

15 (1) assess whether cost savings have been realized
16 from the contract; and

17 (2) address compliance under the terms of the
18 contract, including amounts paid under the contract.

19 (c) A contract to which this subchapter applies must
20 include a provision that authorizes the state auditor to have
21 access to any information the state auditor considers relevant
22 in performing the state auditor's duties under this section.

23 (d) The state auditor shall file an audit report for
24 audits performed under Subsections (a) and (b).

25 (e) Reports filed by the state auditor under Subsection
26 (d) shall be provided to:

27 (1) the commission and any affected health and human
28 services agency;

29 (2) the governor;

30 (3) the chairs of the appropriate legislative
31 committees with jurisdiction over the commission or agency;

32 (4) the Legislative Budget Board;

1 (5) the council, if applicable;

2 (6) the attorney general; and

3 (7) the private contractor, if applicable.

4 Sec. 2162.156. REQUIRED NOTIFICATION. The commission or a
5 health and human services agency that enters into a contract or
6 agrees to a contract amendment or extension subject to this
7 subchapter shall notify the state auditor about the contract not
8 later than the date the contract, contract amendment, or
9 contract extension takes effect.

10 Sec. 2162.157. RECOVERY OF FUNDS. If, in the performance
11 of an audit under this subchapter, the state auditor identifies
12 amounts overpaid, amounts paid for unperformed services, or
13 unallowable costs, the attorney general and the commission or
14 affected health and human services agency shall cooperate in
15 taking action to recover the amounts owed to the state.

16 Sec. 2162.158. CONTRACT TERMINATION. If the executive
17 commissioner of the commission, after reviewing an audit report
18 by the state auditor under this subchapter, any response by the
19 private contractor, and applicable agency performance
20 evaluations of the private contractor, concludes that the
21 private contractor did not perform satisfactorily under the
22 contract, the executive commissioner shall terminate the
23 contract as soon as practicable.

24 Sec. 2162.159. ACTIONS FOLLOWING RETURN OF SERVICE. If a
25 service obligation is returned to the commission or a health and
26 human services agency after a contract is terminated under
27 Section 2162.158, the commission or agency, as applicable,
28 shall:

29 (1) immediately complete a performance evaluation to
30 design a program to improve the delivery of the service and
31 implement the program designed; or

32 (2) rebid the contract.

1 SECTION __. Section 2162.103(a), Government Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided by Section 2162.153, in
4 ~~[It]~~ comparing the cost of providing a service, the council
5 shall consider the:

6 (1) cost of supervising the work of a private
7 contractor; and

8 (2) cost of a state agency's performance of the
9 service, including:

10 (A) the costs of the comptroller, attorney
11 general, and other support agencies; and

12 (B) other indirect costs related to the agency's
13 performance of the service.

14 SECTION __. Subchapter D, Chapter 2162, Government Code, as
15 added by this Act, and Section 2162.103, Government Code, as
16 amended by this Act, apply only to:

17 (1) the activities of the Health and Human Services
18 Commission, the State Council on Competitive Government, the
19 Department of Family and Protective Services, or the Department
20 of State Health Services concerning a proposal to contract with
21 a private contractor to provide services being performed by the
22 Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of Family
23 and Protective Services, or the Department of State Health
24 Services, on or after the effective date of this Act; and

25 (2) the evaluation of the services performed by a
26 private contractor under a contract, contract amendment, or
27 contract extension made on or after the effective date of this
28 Act.



17 MAY -7 PM 12: 15
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Jan B. Fiel

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 28, line 27, strike "DECISIONS" and substitute
3 "RECOMMENDATIONS".

4 (2) On page 29, strike lines 1-8, and substitute the
5 following:

6 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter
7 governing the transfer of case management authority to a single
8 source continuum contractor, the department shall review and
9 approve or disapprove the contractor's permanency goal
10 recommendation for a child not later than 72 hours after the
11 department receives a written request for review from the child,
12 the attorney ad litem for the child, the child's parent, or an
13 attorney for the child's parent.

14 (b) If the department does not issue an approval or
15 disapproval of a contractor's permanency goal recommendation for a
16 child within 72 hours after receiving a request described by
17 Subsection (a), the contractor's recommendation is considered to be
18 approved, subject to oversight and review by the department under
19 Subsection (c).

20 (3) On page 29, line 9, strike "(b)" and substitute "(c)".

21 (4) On page 29, line 14, between "contractor" and "i",
22 insert ", including a review of the contractor's permanency goal
23 for a child at any time the department considers necessary or
24 appropriate".

25 (5) On page 29, line 18, strike "(c)" and substitute "(d)".



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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

17 MAY -7 PM 12:15

BY: Jan B. Fulk

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 13, strike lines 21-27, and substitute the
3 following:

4 end of the third business day after the date the child
5 enters the conservatorship of the department, or the third
6 business day after the date the full adversary hearing is
7 conducted under Section 262.201, whichever occurs first.

8 (2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the
9 bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

10 SECTION _____. Section 263.402, Family Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 263.402. LIMIT ON EXTENSION[~~+~~ ~~WAIVER~~]. [~~(a)~~] The
13 parties to a suit under this chapter may not extend the
14 deadlines set by the court under this subchapter by agreement or
15 otherwise.

16 [~~(b) A party to a suit under this chapter who fails to~~
17 ~~make a timely motion to dismiss the suit under this subchapter~~
18 ~~waives the right to object to the court's failure to dismiss the~~
19 ~~suit. A motion to dismiss under this subsection is timely if~~
20 ~~the motion is made before the trial on the merits commences.]~~



17 MAY -7 PM 12: 17

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Giddings

1 Amend H.B. No. 6 by adding the following
2 appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the
3 SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ . Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 264.1252 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 264.1252. FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT STUDY. (a) In
7 this section, "young adult caregiver" means a person who:

8 (1) is at least 21 years of age but younger than 36
9 years of age; and

10 (2) provides foster care for children who are 14 years
11 of age and older.

12 (b) The department shall conduct a study on the feasibility
13 of developing and implementing a program to recruit and provide
14 training and support for young adult caregivers.

15 (c) The department shall complete the study not later than
16 December 31, 2018. The department shall conduct the study in
17 collaboration with an institution of higher education. In
18 evaluating the feasibility of the program, the department shall
19 consider methods to recruit young adult caregivers and the
20 potential impact that the program will have on the foster children
21 participating in the program, including whether the program may
22 result in:

23 (1) increased placement stability;

24 (2) fewer behavioral issues;

25 (3) fewer instances of foster children running away
26 from a placement;

27 (4) increased satisfactory academic progress in
28 school;

29 (5) increased acquisition of independent living

1 skills; and

2 (6) an improved sense of well-being.

3 (d) The department shall report the results of the study to
4 the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
5 representatives, and members of the legislature as soon as possible
6 after the study is completed.

7 (e) This section expires September 1, 2019.

8 SECTION _____. As soon as practicable after the effective
9 date of this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services
10 shall begin the study required by Section 264.1252, Family Code, as
11 added by this Act.



17 MAY -6 PM 3:15

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY: Keough

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____ . Section 264.203, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur, the court on request of the department may order the parent, managing conservator, guardian, or other member of the subject child's household to:

(1) participate in the services the department provides or purchases for:

(A) alleviating the effects of the abuse or neglect that has occurred; or

(B) reducing the reasonable likelihood that the child may be abused or neglected in the immediate or foreseeable future; and

(2) permit the child and any siblings of the child to receive the services.

(e) Before the court may order the participation of a parent, managing conservator, guardian, or other member of the subject child's household in services, the court shall advise any person who is not represented by an attorney of:

(1) the right to be represented by an attorney; and

(2) if the person is indigent and opposes the order to participate in services, the court may appoint an attorney.



17 MAY -7 PM 12:36

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: *Stephanie Hlick*

1 Amend H.B. No. G (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Sections 107.002(b) and (c), Family Code, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (b) A guardian ad litem appointed for the child under this
7 chapter shall:

8 (1) within a reasonable time after the appointment,
9 interview:

10 (A) the child in a developmentally appropriate
11 manner, if the child is four years of age or older;

12 (B) each person who has significant knowledge of
13 the child's history and condition, including educators, welfare
14 service providers, and any foster parent of the child; and

15 (C) the parties to the suit;

16 (2) seek to elicit in a developmentally appropriate
17 manner the child's expressed objectives;

18 (3) consider the child's expressed objectives without
19 being bound by those objectives;

20 (4) encourage settlement and the use of alternative
21 forms of dispute resolution; and

22 (5) perform any specific task directed by the court.

23 (c) A guardian ad litem appointed for the child under this
24 chapter is entitled to:

25 (1) receive a copy of each pleading or other paper
26 filed with the court in the case in which the guardian ad litem is
27 appointed;

28 (2) receive notice of each hearing in the case;

29 (3) participate in case staffings by the Department of

1 Family and Protective Services concerning the child;

2 (4) attend all legal proceedings in the case but may
3 not call or question a witness or otherwise provide legal services
4 unless the guardian ad litem is a licensed attorney who has been
5 appointed in the dual role;

6 (5) review and sign, or decline to sign, an agreed
7 order affecting the child; ~~and~~

8 (6) explain the basis for the guardian ad litem's
9 opposition to the agreed order if the guardian ad litem does not
10 agree to the terms of a proposed order;

11 (7) have access to the child in the child's placement;

12 (8) be consulted and provide comments on decisions
13 regarding placement, including kinship, foster care, and adoptive
14 placements;

15 (9) receive notification regarding and an invitation
16 to attend meetings related to the child's service plan and a copy of
17 the plan; and

18 (10) attend court-ordered mediation regarding the
19 child's case.



17 MAY -7 AM 11:44
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 29, line 27, between "DEPARTMENT." and "In",
3 insert "(a)".

4 (2) On page 30, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

5 (b) The department retains the following roles and
6 responsibilities in relation to case management services provided
7 to children and families in a catchment area:

8 (1) maintaining direct contact with the child on a
9 monthly basis for the purpose of providing oversight and making
10 recommendations, including final recommendations, to the court
11 regarding the best interest of the child;

12 (2) maintaining direct observation of family visits
13 with the child on a monthly basis;

14 (3) evaluating the appropriateness of medical, mental
15 health, and educational decisions made for a child;

16 (4) monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of all
17 case management and permanency services provided by a single source
18 continuum contractor and making changes to those services if the
19 services are not effective;

20 (5) final approval of and authority to change:

21 (A) the placement of a child;

22 (B) a child and family service plan;

23 (C) a decision to discontinue case management
24 services for a child who is aging out of foster care;

25 (D) a child's permanency plan; and

26 (E) a decision regarding the adoption of a child;

27 (6) the prosecution of suits affecting the
28 parent-child relationship, and any legal decisions relating to
29 those suits;

1 (7) ensuring that a single source continuum contractor
2 provides a child's attorney ad litem and guardian ad litem with
3 immediate access to the child and access to the contractor's
4 information and records relating to the child;

5 (8) making ongoing recommendations to the court to
6 ensure the safety and well-being of a child; and

7 (9) taking any action, or requiring a single source
8 continuum contractor to take any action, the department considers
9 necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of a child.



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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 17 MAY -7 PM 12:40
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BY: *Victoria Lane*

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) on page 20,
2 line 26 of the bill, following "adequate." by inserting "The
3 department shall publish on the department's Internet website
4 each plan developed by a contractor under this subsection the
5 department determines is adequate.".



17 MAY -7 PM 12:40
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

Victor Lane

- 1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) as follows:
- 2 (1) On page 23, line 17, strike "and".
- 3 (2) On page 23, line 19, strike the underlined period and
- 4 substitute "; and
- 5 (5) an attorney ad litem appointed to represent a
- 6 child in the conservatorship of the department.".



17 MAY -7 PM 12:41

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Victor J. Lane

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 27, between lines 9 and 10, insert the
3 following:

4 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department shall
5 retain oversight of and shall perform the following case management
6 services for one year after the date the department transfers case
7 management services to a single source continuum contractor under
8 Subsection (a):

9 (1) maintaining direct contact with the child on a
10 monthly basis for the purpose of providing oversight and making
11 recommendations, including final recommendations, to the court
12 regarding the best interest of the child;

13 (2) maintaining direct observation of family visits
14 with the child on a monthly basis;

15 (3) evaluating the appropriateness of medical, mental
16 health, and educational decisions made for a child;

17 (4) monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of all
18 case management and permanency services provided by a single source
19 continuum contractor and making changes to those services if the
20 services are not effective;

21 (5) maintaining final approval authority of and the
22 authority to change:

23 (A) the placement of a child;

24 (B) a child and family service plan;

25 (C) a decision to discontinue case management
26 services for a child who is aging out of foster care;

27 (D) a child's permanency plan; and

28 (E) a decision regarding the adoption of a child;

29 (6) prosecuting suits affecting the parent-child

1 relationship and making legal decisions relating to those suits;

2 (7) ensuring that a single source continuum contractor
3 provides a child's attorney ad litem and guardian ad litem with
4 immediate access to the child and access to the contractor's
5 information and records relating to the child;

6 (8) making ongoing recommendations to the court to
7 ensure the safety and well-being of a child; and

8 (9) taking any action or requiring a single source
9 continuum contractor to take any action the department considers
10 necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of a child.

11 (c) Following the one-year period described by Subsection
12 (b), the department may continue to retain all or partial
13 responsibility for the performance of the case management services
14 listed in that subsection, based on the readiness and performance
15 reviews of the single source continuum contractor conducted by the
16 department in accordance with this subchapter.

17 (2) On page 27, line 10, strike "(b)" and substitute "(d)".



17 MAY -6 PM 4:56
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Valerie Shannon

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 262.013 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 262.013. PRIORITY IN PLACEMENT. In placing a child
7 with a foster parent, the department shall give priority to family
8 homes with the fewest number of foster children in the home that can
9 best meet the needs of a foster child, if the prioritization does
10 not contradict the best interests of a child or established
11 department performance measures.

12 SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 264.1252 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 264.1252. REIMBURSEMENT FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES;
15 CRIMINAL OFFENSE. (a) In this section, "enrichment activities"
16 includes athletic camps and competition, art and music classes and
17 camps, school-related extracurricular activities, faith-based
18 camps or mission trips, and the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl
19 Scouts of the United States of America, or similar organizations
20 and activities. The term does not include entertainment activities
21 that a child participates in solely with the child's foster parent.

22 (b) At the foster parent's discretion, the foster parent may
23 enroll a foster child in age-appropriate enrichment activities.

24 (c) The department shall reimburse a foster parent for
25 monetary expenses relating to the participation of a child in
26 enrichment activities not to exceed \$200 per month for each child.
27 The foster parent must provide the department with receipts for
28 expenses under this subsection to receive reimbursement.

29 (d) A person commits an offense if, with intent to defraud

1 or deceive the department, the person knowingly makes or causes to
2 be made a false statement or misrepresentation of a material fact
3 that allows a person to receive a reimbursement under Subsection
4 (c). An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.



17 MAY -6 PM 4:57

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Valerie Swanson

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter C, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 264.2042 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 264.2042. GRANTS FOR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY
7 COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS. (a) Using available funds or private
8 donations, the governor shall establish and administer an
9 innovation grant program to award grants to support faith-based
10 community programs that collaborate with the department and the
11 commission to improve foster care and the placement of children in
12 foster care.

13 (b) A faith-based community program is eligible for a grant
14 under this section if:

15 (1) the effectiveness of the program is supported by
16 empirical evidence; and

17 (2) the program has demonstrated the ability to build
18 connections between faith-based, secular, and government
19 stakeholders.

20 (c) The regional director for the department in the region
21 where a grant recipient program is located, or the regional
22 director's designee, shall serve as the liaison between the
23 department and the program for collaborative purposes. For a
24 program that operates in a larger region, the department may
25 designate a liaison in each county where the program is operating.
26 The department or the commission may not direct or manage the
27 operation of the program.

28 (d) The initial duration of a grant under this section is
29 two years. The governor may renew a grant awarded to a program

1 under this section if funds are available and the governor
2 determines that the program is successful.

3 (e) The governor may not award to a program grants under
4 this section totaling more than \$300,000.

5 (f) The governor shall adopt rules to implement the grant
6 program created under this section.

7 SECTION _____. As soon as practicable after the effective
8 date of this Act, the governor shall adopt rules for the
9 implementation and administration of the innovation grant program
10 established under Section 264.2042, Family Code, as added by this
11 Act, and begin to award grants under the program.



17 MAY -6 PM 4:56
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Valerie Johnson

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. ⁶ (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 262.013 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 262.013. PRIORITY IN PLACEMENT. In placing a child
7 with a foster parent, the department shall give priority to family
8 homes with the fewest number of foster children in the home that can
9 best meet the needs of a foster child, if the prioritization does
10 not contradict the best interests of a child or established
11 department performance measures.



17 MAY -6 PM 4:55
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Valerie Johnson

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 264.1252 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 264.1252. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO
7 OBTAINING OR RENEWING A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND OBTAINING INSURANCE.

8 (a) The department shall reimburse a foster parent for any monetary
9 expenses relating to obtaining:

10 (1) a driver's license for a foster child, including
11 the cost for completing a driver education course required by
12 Section 521.1601, Transportation Code, and the driver's license
13 fee; and

14 (2) liability insurance for the foster child that
15 meets the minimum requirements of Subchapter D, Chapter 601,
16 Transportation Code.

17 (b) The department shall reimburse a former foster child
18 younger than 21 years of age for any monetary expenses relating to
19 obtaining or renewing a driver's license, including the cost for
20 completing a driver education course required by Section 521.1601,
21 Transportation Code, and the driver's license fee.

22 (c) The department shall reimburse a former foster child for
23 any monetary expenses the former foster child incurs during the six
24 months after the date the former foster child leaves the
25 conservatorship of the department relating to obtaining liability
26 insurance that meets the minimum requirements of Subchapter D,
27 Chapter 601, Transportation Code.

28 (d) Subsections (b) and (c) apply only to a former foster
29 child who was in the conservatorship of the department on the day

1 preceding the former foster child's 18th birthday.

2 (e) A person entitled to reimbursement for expenses under
3 this section must provide the department with receipts for the
4 expenses to receive reimbursement.

5 SECTION _____. Section 264.1252, Family Code, as added by
6 this Act, applies only to an expense relating to obtaining a
7 driver's license or insurance for a foster child or obtaining or
8 renewing a driver's license or obtaining insurance for a former
9 foster child incurred on or after the effective date of this Act.



17 MAY -7 PM 12:31
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: *Stephanie Thompson*

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) Strike page 26, line 25, through page 27, line 16, and
3 substitute the following:

4 Sec. 264.160. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF TRANSFER OF CASE
5 MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO SINGLE SOURCE CONTINUUM CONTRACTOR. (a)

6 The department shall conduct a cost benefit analysis of
7 transferring case management services to a single source continuum
8 contractor under this subchapter. The analysis must include:

9 (1) the actual cost to the department of providing
10 case management services, including any indirect expenses related
11 to the performance of case management services, and any assumptions
12 and documentation that support the actual cost determination;

13 (2) recommendations for improving the performance of
14 case management services by the department;

15 (3) an assessment of the costs for a single source
16 continuum contractor to provide case management services under
17 contract with the department and the cost to the department of
18 monitoring the contractor's performance;

19 (4) an assessment of the capability of a single source
20 continuum contractor to provide case management services at a level
21 comparable to the case management services provided by the
22 department;

23 (5) a comparison of the cost of establishing caseload
24 standards for case management services for the department and for a
25 single source continuum contractor;

26 (6) an estimate of the costs of returning the
27 performance of case management services from the single source
28 continuum contractor to the commission or department if necessary,
29 including a reasonable proposed schedule for any actions necessary

1 to return the performance of case management services to the
2 commission or department; and

3 (7) a comparison of the salary, health care benefits,
4 retirement, and workers' compensation insurance for caseworkers
5 employed by a single source continuum contractor and by the
6 department.

7 (b) Not later than January 15, 2019, the department shall
8 report the findings and recommendations of the cost benefit
9 analysis conducted under this section to the governor, the
10 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
11 the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and the House Human
12 Services Committee.

13 (c) If the department recommends the transfer of case
14 management services to a single source continuum contractor based
15 on the analysis conducted under Subsection (a), the legislature
16 shall consider the recommendations and vote on whether to approve
17 the recommendations.

18 (d) The department may not transfer case management
19 services to a single source continuum contractor before the
20 legislature approves the department's recommendations under
21 Subsection (c).

22 (e) This section expires September 1, 2021.

23 (2) On page 36, line 10, strike "a timeline for the
24 transfer of case management services, and" and substitute "and[7]".