

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) provides adoption assistance to the adoptive parents of children who are adopted after having been in the conservatorship of Child Protective Services. Current law authorizes PRS to pay foster care assistance for certain children after the child becomes 18 years of age. Adoptive assistance, however, ends once a child turns 18. H.B. 1921 sets forth provisions regarding the continuation of adoption assistance to the adoptive parents after a child's 18th birthday under certain conditions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in SECTION 1 (Section 162.3041, Family Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 162D, Family Code, by adding Section 162.3041, as follows:

Sec. 162.3041. CONTINUATION OF ASSISTANCE AFTER CHILD'S 18TH BIRTHDAY. Sets forth provisions regarding the continuation of adoption assistance to the adoptive parents after a child's 18th birthday under certain conditions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001. Provides that the change in law made by Section 162.3041, Family Code, as added by this Act, applies to adoption assistance provided to adoptive parents with whom the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has entered into an adoption assistance agreement, regardless of whether the agreement was entered into before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.