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S.B. No. 1290

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information for foster children who are pregnant or
minor parents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
amended by adding Section 264.130 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.130. PREGNANCY AND PARENTING INFORMATION. The
department at developmentally appropriate stages shall ensure to
children in the managing conservatorship of the department who are
pregnant or who are minor parents receive information on and
support in providing safe environments for children, including
information and support regarding:

(1) safe sleeping arrangements;

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

(3) child development and methods to cope with
challenging behaviors;

(4) selection of appropriate substitute caregivers;

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

(6) the importance of paternal involvement in a
child's life and methods for co-parenting;

(7) the benefits of reading, talking, and singing to

1 young children;

2 (8) the importance of prenatal and postpartum care for
3 both the mother and infant including the impact of and signs for
4 perinatal mood disorders;

5 (9) family planning counseling to postpone unplanned
6 subsequent pregnancies;

7 (11) infant nutrition and the importance of
8 breastfeeding; and

9 (12) healthy relationships, including the prevention
10 of intimate partner violence.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.