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H.B. No. 3584

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain placements for children in the conservatorship  
3 of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 264.020 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 264.020. PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN CONSERVATORSHIP OF  
8 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES. (a) In this section,  
9 "child" means a person who:

10 (1) is younger than 22 years of age and for whom the  
11 department has been appointed managing conservator of the child  
12 before the child's 18th birthday; or

13 (2) is the responsibility of an agency with which the  
14 department has entered into an agreement to provide care and  
15 supervision of the child.

16 (b) In making a placement decision for a child, the  
17 department shall give preference to persons in the following order:

18 (1) a person related to the child by blood, marriage,  
19 or adoption;

20 (2) a person with whom the child has a long-standing  
21 and significant relationship;

22 (3) a foster home; and

23 (4) a general residential operation.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.