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H.B. No. 3765

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of a supply of luggage by the
3 Department of Family and Protective Services for the transport of
4 the personal belongings of a foster child.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 264.1078 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 264.1078. LUGGAGE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN. (a) In this
9 section, "luggage" means a suitcase, duffel bag, backpack, or
10 similar container designed to hold an individual's personal
11 belongings.

12 (b) The department shall:

13 (1) establish and maintain a decentralized supply of
14 luggage to be used to transport a foster child's personal
15 belongings; and

16 (2) develop procedures for the storage and
17 distribution of luggage to ensure the maximum number of children
18 are able to use the luggage.

19 (c) The department shall provide luggage to a child who is
20 being removed from the child's home or changing placement.

21 (d) The department shall maintain a record of each time a
22 trash bag is used to move a foster child's personal belongings. The
23 record must include the reason the department did not provide the
24 child with appropriate luggage to move the child's personal

1 belongings.

2 (e) The department shall submit an annual report to the
3 legislature that includes a summary of:

4 (1) the number of times a trash bag was used to
5 transport a foster child's personal belongings and the reasons the
6 department failed to provide the child with appropriate luggage;
7 and

8 (2) the department's supply inventory and inventory
9 management practices for the luggage supply maintained under
10 Subsection (b).

11 (f) The department may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and
12 donations of any kind and from any source for purposes of this
13 section.

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