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H.B. No. 4233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to training regarding runaway prevention for certain
3 individuals who provide care for children in the conservatorship of
4 the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 264.015, Family Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

8 (d) Each foster parent, prospective adoptive parent, and
9 relative or other designated caregiver who provide care for
10 children and youth in the conservatorship of the department who are
11 10 years of age or older shall complete a training program on:

12 (1) runaway prevention measures; and

13 (2) proper procedures in the event a child or youth
14 runs away from the provider.

15 (e) The training under Subsection (d) may be:

16 (1) offered to providers who provide care for children
17 in the conservatorship of the department who are younger than 10
18 years of age who have a history of running away;

19 (2) included as part of existing licensing training
20 provided by the department or contracted residential child-care
21 providers; and

22 (3) offered in lieu of required training that is not
23 relevant based on the age of the children for whom the person will
24 be providing care.

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