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H.B. No. 175

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to establishing optional certifications for child-care  
3 providers participating in the Texas Rising Star Program and  
4 reimbursement rates for those providers.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 2308, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 2308.3156 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2308.3156. OPTIONAL CERTIFICATIONS FOR TEXAS RISING  
9 STAR PROGRAM. (a) As part of the Texas Rising Star Program, the  
10 commission shall create optional certifications that a child-care  
11 provider may obtain to enhance the provider's rating under the  
12 program.

13 (b) The optional certifications created under Subsection  
14 (a) must include a certification for child-care providers who  
15 provide for the inclusion of children with disabilities with their  
16 typically developing peers.

17 (c) The commission shall provide a child-care provider who  
18 receives an optional certification under this section with an  
19 additional reimbursement amount. The additional reimbursement  
20 amount may not exceed the reimbursement amount for a Texas Rising  
21 Star Program provider with a two-star rating.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.