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H.B. No. 215

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 215:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payment of support rights and benefits for a child
placed with a relative or other designated caregiver.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.109(a), Family Code, is amended to
read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Section 264.763, the ~~[The]~~
placement of a child in substitute care by the department
constitutes an assignment to the state of any support rights
attributable to the child as of the date the child is placed in
substitute care.

SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
amended by adding Section 264.763 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.763. PAYMENT OF CHILD'S SUPPORT RIGHTS AND
BENEFITS. A relative or other designated caregiver is eligible to
receive support and benefits, including monthly benefits, on behalf
of a child placed with the person by the department. The department
shall pass through to the relative or other designated caregiver:

(1) any support rights attributable to the child; and
(2) payments to which the child is entitled or that are
paid for the benefit of the child, including Supplemental Security
Income (SSI) benefits under 42 U.S.C. Section 1381 et seq.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.