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H.B. No. 707

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of parental child safety placements.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.908 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.908. USE OF PARENTAL CHILD SAFETY PLACEMENTS. (a) Notwithstanding other law, the department shall use a parental child safety placement in each case in which the department determines it is appropriate.

(b) If the department determines that a parental child safety placement is not appropriate, the department shall:

(1) record in writing in the child's case file the reasons the department determined a parental child safety placement was not appropriate; and

(2) notify the child's state representative and state senator about the department's decision and the reasons the department determined a parental child safety placement was not appropriate.

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