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S.B. No. 576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information made available to a relative or other designated caregiver.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.7541(c), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Once a child is placed with a relative or other designated caregiver, the department shall inform the caregiver in writing of:

(1) the option to become verified by a licensed child-placing agency to operate an agency foster home, if applicable, and the process for becoming an agency foster home;

(2) the difference between an unverified relative or other designated caregiver and an agency foster home, including the amount of additional financial assistance the relative or other designated caregiver would receive after becoming an agency foster home;

(3) the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program including:

(A) the qualifications for the program;

(B) the process for applying for benefits under the program; and

(C) the amount of financial benefits under the program;

1 (4) the availability of any financial assistance
2 available under this subchapter;
3 (5) [~~and~~
4 ~~[(2)]~~ the permanency care assistance program under
5 Subchapter K; and
6 (6) any other financial benefit available to a
7 relative or other designated caregiver.

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