

Amend CSSB 58 as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in the proposed subchapter heading to proposed Subchapter J, Chapter 264, Family Code (Senate committee printing, page 1, line 16), between "PLACEMENT" AND "PROGRAM", insert "PILOT".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike proposed Section 264.802, Family Code (Senate committee printing, page 1, lines 30 through 41), and substitute the following:

Sec. 264.802. RELATIVE CAREGIVER PLACEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) The department shall use available funds to develop and administer a pilot program for one year to:

(1) promote placing children for whom the department is appointed managing conservator with relative caregivers; and

(2) facilitate relative caregiver placements by providing assistance and services to those caregivers in accordance with this subchapter.

(b) The department shall develop policies necessary to implement this subchapter and the pilot program under this subchapter using available funds. The policies must include eligibility criteria for receiving assistance and services under this subchapter.

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in proposed Section 264.804, Family Code (Senate committee printing, page 1, line 47), strike "Subject to available funds, the" and substitute "The".

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike proposed Subdivisions (5), (6), and (7), Section 264.804, Family Code (Senate committee printing, page 2, lines 3 through 14) and substitute the following:

(5) if the caregiver and the child meet applicable eligibility criteria determined by the department, reimbursement of all child-care expenses incurred for the child while the department is the child's managing conservator;

(6) if the caregiver and the child meet applicable eligibility criteria determined by the department, reimbursement of 50 percent of child-care expenses incurred after the caregiver is appointed permanent managing conservator of the child; and

(7) reimbursement of other expenses, as determined by the department, not to exceed \$500 per year for each group of

related children.

(5) In SECTION 2 of the bill (Senate committee printing, page 2, line 24), strike "adopt rules" and substitute "develop policies".

(6) In SECTION 2 of the bill (Senate committee printing, page 2, lines 25 through 26), strike "relative caregiver placement program" and substitute "relative caregiver placement pilot program".

(7) Strike SECTION 3 of the bill (Senate committee printing, page 2, lines 28 through 40), and substitute the following:

SECTION 3. (a) Not later than March 1, 2004, the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services shall implement the relative caregiver placement pilot program in accordance with Subchapter J, Chapter 264, Family Code, as added by this Act, in one administrative region designated by the department.

(b) The Department of Protective and Regulatory Services shall evaluate the relative caregiver placement pilot program implemented in accordance with Subchapter J, Chapter 264, Family Code, as added by this Act. Not later than January 2, 2005, the department shall submit a report on that evaluation to the legislature.