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H.B. No. 1665

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to payments to certain grandparents who provide care for children whose parents are deceased.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.113 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.113. PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN GRANDPARENTS FOR PROVIDING CARE FOR A CHILD. (a) The department shall pay to the grandparent of a child who is not otherwise eligible for foster care payments an amount equal to the amount the department would pay under Section 264.101 for foster care, including medical care, for a child under the placement or care of the department if:

(1) both parents of the child are deceased; and

(2) the child is in the care of the grandparent and no other conservator or guardian has been appointed for the child.

(b) The department by rule shall establish application procedures and proof of eligibility requirements for receipt of payments under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.