

Amend CSSB 6 as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1.19(a) of the bill, in amended Section 261.307, Family Code (House committee report page 16, lines 8-14), strike added Subdivision (2) and substitute the following:

(2) if the department determines that removal of the child may be warranted, a proposed child placement resources form that:

(A) instructs the parent or other person having legal custody of the child to:

(i) complete and return the form to the department or agency; and

(ii) identify in the form three individuals who could be relative caregivers or designated caregivers, as those terms are defined by Section 264.751; and

(B) informs the parent or other person of a location that is available to the parent or other person to submit the information in the form 24 hours a day either in person or by facsimile machine or e-mail; and

(2) In SECTION 1.25(a) of the bill, in the introductory language (House committee report page 21, line 3), strike "Section 262.201(c), Family Code, is" and substitute "Sections 262.201(c) and (e), Family Code, are".

(3) In SECTION 1.25(a) of the bill (House committee report page 21, between lines 24 and 25), insert the following:

(e) The court shall place a child removed from the child's custodial parent with the child's noncustodial parent or with a relative of the child if placement with the noncustodial parent is inappropriate, unless the department overcomes the presumption that placement with the noncustodial parent or a relative is [~~not~~] in the best interest of the child.

(4) Immediately following SECTION 1.25 of the bill (House committee report page 22, between lines 3 and 4), insert the following and renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

(c) The change in law made by this section to Section 262.201(e), Family Code, applies only to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after the effective date of this section. A suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed

before the effective date of this section is governed by the law in effect on the date suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 262.205(e), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Unless the department overcomes the presumption that the placement [it] is [not] in the best interest of the child, the court shall place a child who has been removed under this section with:

- (1) the child's noncustodial parent; or
- (2) another relative of the child if placement with the noncustodial parent is inappropriate.

(b) The change in law made by this section to Section 262.205(e), Family Code, applies only to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after the effective date of this section. A suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the effective date of this section is governed by the law in effect on the date suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(5) In Article 1 of the bill (House committee report page 24, between lines 21 and 22), insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 263.404(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The court may render a final order appointing the department as managing conservator of the child without terminating the rights of the parent of the child if the court finds that:

(1) appointment of a parent as managing conservator would not be in the best interest of the child because the appointment would significantly impair the child's physical health or emotional development; and

(2) the department has overcome the presumption that it would [not] be in the best interest of the child to appoint a relative of the child or another person as managing conservator.

(b) The change in law made by this section to Section 263.404(a), Family Code, applies only to a suit affecting the

parent-child relationship filed on or after the effective date of this section. A suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the effective date of this section is governed by the law in effect on the date suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(6) In SECTION 1.44 of the bill, in added Section 264.751(1), Family Code (House committee report page 55, line 13), between "conservator" and "and", insert "or with the child's family".