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H.B. No. 1938

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain restrictions on travel outside of this state by  
3 children in foster care.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 264.122 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 264.122. COURT APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE  
8 STATE BY CHILD IN FOSTER CARE. (a) A child for whom the department  
9 has been appointed managing conservator and who has been placed in  
10 foster care may travel outside of this state only if the person with  
11 whom the child has been placed has petitioned the court for, and the  
12 court has rendered an order granting, approval for the child to  
13 travel outside of this state.

14 (b) The court shall provide notice to the department and to  
15 any other person entitled to notice in the suit if the court renders  
16 an order granting approval for the child to travel outside of this  
17 state under this section.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.