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H.B. No. 2736

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the adoption by the Department of Family and Protective  
3 Services of standardized forms for use by foster parent applicants,  
4 child-placing agencies, and department caseworkers in submitting  
5 required information to the department.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 264.014 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 264.014. STANDARDIZED FORMS FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION  
10 REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT. The department shall adopt  
11 standardized forms for use by foster parent applicants,  
12 child-placing agencies, and department caseworkers to submit  
13 required information to the department. The standardized forms  
14 must be attached to each document provided to a foster parent  
15 applicant, child-placing agency, or department caseworker by the  
16 department that contain standards relating to the information  
17 required to be submitted to the department.

18 SECTION 2. The Department of Family and Protective Services  
19 shall adopt and make available the standardized forms required by  
20 Section 264.014, Family Code, as added by this Act, as soon as  
21 practicable after the effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.