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S.B. No. 723

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring that the Department of Family and Protective  
3 Services maintain and report certain information in connection with  
4 the placement of children.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 264.759 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 264.759. RECORDS OF PLACEMENTS THAT FAIL FOR FINANCIAL  
9 REASONS. (a) The department shall record each instance in which a  
10 placement under this subchapter is not able to be made solely  
11 because the relative or designated caregiver cannot afford to care  
12 for the child. The department shall document, if possible, the  
13 amount of monetary assistance and reimbursement to which the  
14 caregiver would be entitled and the amount of assistance that would  
15 have made the placement affordable for the caregiver.

16 (b) The department shall compile statistics based on the  
17 information recorded under this section and shall report annually  
18 to the legislature regarding proposed placements that are not made  
19 in the preceding year due to financial reasons. The report required  
20 under this subsection may be made in conjunction with other reports  
21 the department is required to submit to the legislature.

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
23 to a placement under Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, that is  
24 proposed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.