

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 723
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 16, 2007; March 6, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; April 2, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 2, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to requiring that the Department of Family and Protective
1-9 Services maintain and report certain information in connection with
1-10 the placement of children.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 264.759 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 264.759. RECORDS OF PLACEMENTS THAT FAIL FOR FINANCIAL
1-15 REASONS. (a) The department shall record each instance in which a
1-16 placement under this subchapter is not able to be made solely
1-17 because the relative or designated caregiver cannot afford to care
1-18 for the child. The department shall document, if possible, the
1-19 amount of monetary assistance and reimbursement to which the
1-20 caregiver would be entitled and the amount of assistance that would
1-21 have made the placement affordable for the caregiver.

1-22 (b) The department shall compile statistics based on the
1-23 information recorded under this section and shall report annually
1-24 to the legislature regarding proposed placements that are not made
1-25 in the preceding year due to financial reasons. The report required
1-26 under this subsection may be made in conjunction with other reports
1-27 the department is required to submit to the legislature.

1-28 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-29 to a placement under Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, that is
1-30 proposed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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