

Amend CSSB 69 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In the recital for SECTION 2 of the bill (page 1, line 23), strike "Subsection (g)" and substitute "Subsections (g) and (h)".

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 264.101, Family Code (page 1, between lines 34 and 35), insert the following:

(h) The commission shall coordinate with the department to study the feasibility of making changes to the foster care assessment, placement, and reimbursement methodologies to improve outcomes for children in foster care. At a minimum, the study must include an analysis of those children who are classified as needing the highest level of care, an analysis of the ways in which children can be effectively assessed and placed in substitute care with the least impact to the child and substitute care provider during any change of placement, and an estimate of the amount of money necessary to implement the proposed changes. Not later than September 1, 2010, the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives, the lieutenant governor, the House Human Services Committee or its successor, and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee or its successor. The department shall consider recommendations from the report required under this subsection when developing the department's request for legislative appropriations to be considered by the 82nd Legislature. This subsection expires January 1, 2011.