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H.B. No. 705

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 705:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to providing certain documents and training to children in
3 the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective
4 Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 264.014, Family Code, is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 Sec. 264.014. PROVISION OF COPIES OF CERTAIN RECORDS. If,
9 at the time a child is discharged from foster care, the child is at
10 least 18 years of age or has had the disabilities of minority
11 removed, the department shall provide to the child, not later than
12 the 30th day before [~~after~~] the date the child is discharged from
13 foster care, a copy of:

- 14 (1) the child's birth certificate;
- 15 (2) the child's immunization records; [~~and~~]
- 16 (3) the information contained in the child's health
17 passport;
- 18 (4) a personal identification certificate under
19 Chapter 521, Transportation Code;
- 20 (5) a social security card or a replacement social
21 security card, if appropriate; and
- 22 (6) proof of enrollment in Medicaid, if appropriate.

23 SECTION 2. (a) The Department of Family and Protective
24 Services, in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and the

1 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, shall develop a
2 plan to ensure that each child in the permanent managing
3 conservatorship of the department is provided the opportunity to
4 complete a driver's education course and to obtain a driver's
5 license before the child leaves conservatorship.

6 (b) Not later than December 1, 2010, the Department of
7 Family and Protective Services shall report to the legislature the
8 results of the plan under Subsection (a) of this section. The
9 report must include cost estimates for providing the driver's
10 education and methods for obtaining affordable liability insurance
11 for foster children.

12 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
13 264.014, Family Code, apply to any child in the conservatorship of
14 the Department of Family and Protective Services on or after the
15 effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.