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H.B. No. 3137

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the Department of Family and Protective
3 Services to develop and provide certain foster parents with a
4 statement regarding the rights and responsibilities of those
5 persons and the agency.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code,
8 is amended by adding Section 42.0452 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 42.0452. FOSTER PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
10 STATEMENT. (a) The department shall develop a statement that lists
11 the rights and responsibilities of a foster parent in a foster home
12 or an agency foster home and of the department or a child-placing
13 agency, as applicable.

14 (b) The department shall provide a written copy of the
15 statement developed under Subsection (a) to each foster parent in a
16 foster home and to each child-placing agency licensed by the
17 department. A child-placing agency shall provide a written copy of
18 the statement developed under Subsection (a) to each foster parent
19 in an agency foster home verified by the child-placing agency.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.