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S.B. No. 983

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 of Family and Protective Services  
4 is provided the opportunity to complete a driver's education course  
5 and to obtain a driver's license before the child leaves  
6 conservatorship.

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

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

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