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H.B. No. 502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to foster care payments for certain children.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.101(a-2), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-2) The department shall continue to pay the cost of foster care under:

(1) Subsection (a-1)(1) until:

(A) the last day of the third full month after the date the child receives a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate; or

(B) the last day of the month in which the child attains the age of 22 if the child has not received a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate; and

(2) Subsections (a-1)(2)-(5) until the last day of the month the child attains the age of 21.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to foster care payments for a child who is in foster care on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.