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H.B. No. 2370

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain notice to applicants to provide care under the
3 permanency care assistance program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 264.8521 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 264.8521. NOTICE TO APPLICANTS. At the time a person
8 applies to become licensed by the department or verified by a
9 licensed child-placing agency or the department to provide foster
10 care in order to qualify for the permanency care assistance
11 program, the department or the child-placing agency shall:

12 (1) notify the applicant that a background check,
13 including a criminal history record check, will be conducted on the
14 individual; and

15 (2) inform the applicant about criminal convictions
16 that:

17 (A) preclude an individual from becoming a
18 licensed foster home or verified agency foster home; and

19 (B) may also be considered in evaluating the
20 individual's application.

21 SECTION 2. Section 264.8521, Family Code, as added by this
22 Act, applies to an application to become a licensed foster home or
23 verified agency foster home filed with the Department of Family and
24 Protective Services or a child-placing agency on or after the

1 effective date of this Act. An application to become a licensed
2 foster home or verified agency foster home filed before the
3 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect
4 immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect
5 for that purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.