

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(2) inform the applicant about criminal convictions that:

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

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

SECTION 2. Section 264.8521, Family Code, as added by this Act, applies to an application to become a licensed foster home or verified agency foster home filed with the Department of Family and 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.

H.B. No. 2370

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2370 was passed by the House on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2370 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor