

1-1 By: Dukes (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 2370
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2011;
1-3 May 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 13, 2011, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 13, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to certain notice to applicants to provide care under the
1-9 permanency care assistance program.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 264.8521 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 264.8521. NOTICE TO APPLICANTS. At the time a person
1-14 applies to become licensed by the department or verified by a
1-15 licensed child-placing agency or the department to provide foster
1-16 care in order to qualify for the permanency care assistance
1-17 program, the department or the child-placing agency shall:

1-18 (1) notify the applicant that a background check,
1-19 including a criminal history record check, will be conducted on the
1-20 individual; and

1-21 (2) inform the applicant about criminal convictions
1-22 that:

1-23 (A) preclude an individual from becoming a
1-24 licensed foster home or verified agency foster home; and

1-25 (B) may also be considered in evaluating the
1-26 individual's application.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 264.8521, Family Code, as added by this
1-28 Act, applies to an application to become a licensed foster home or
1-29 verified agency foster home filed with the Department of Family and
1-30 Protective Services or a child-placing agency on or after the
1-31 effective date of this Act. An application to become a licensed
1-32 foster home or verified agency foster home filed before the
1-33 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect
1-34 immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect
1-35 for that purpose.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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