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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

1 Amend H.B. No. 2 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill and cross-references
4 to those SECTIONS accordingly:

5 SECTION __. Section 162.301(2), Family Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (2) "Child" means a child:

8 (A) who cannot be placed for adoption with
9 appropriate adoptive parents without the provision of adoption
10 assistance because of factors including ethnic background, age,
11 membership in a minority or sibling group, the presence of a
12 medical condition, or a physical, mental, or emotional
13 disability; or

14 (B) whose mother declares in writing in
15 accordance with rules adopted by the executive commissioner of
16 the Health and Human Services Commission, that, because of
17 Section 245.010(a), Health and Safety Code, or Subchapters C and
18 D, Chapter 171, Health and Safety Code, the mother chose not to
19 or did not have access to a facility to exercise her right to an
20 abortion at the time the child was born.

21 SECTION __. Section 162.302(b), Family Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (b) The legislature intends that the program benefit
24 children residing in foster homes at state or county expense and
25 children described by Section 162.301(2)(B) by providing them
26 with the stability and security of permanent homes and that the
27 costs paid by the state and counties for foster home care for
28 the children be reduced.