

Amend **HB 2** (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill and cross-references to those SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 162.301(2), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Child" means a child:

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

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

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 162.302(b), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

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