

Amend SB 534 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.120 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.120. DISCHARGE NOTICE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a substitute care provider with whom the department contracts to provide substitute care services for a child shall include in a discharge notice the following information:

- (1) the reason for the child's discharge; and
- (2) the provider's recommendation regarding a future placement for the child that would increase the child's opportunity to attain a stable placement.

(b) In an emergency situation in which the department is required under the terms of the contract with the substitute care provider to remove a child within 24 hours after receiving the discharge notice, the provider must provide the information required by Subsection (a) to the department not later than 48 hours after the provider sends the discharge notice.

SECTION _____. Section 263.502(c), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The placement review report must identify the department's permanency goal for the child and must:

- (1) evaluate whether the child's current placement is appropriate for meeting the child's needs;
- (2) evaluate whether efforts have been made to ensure placement of the child in the least restrictive environment consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child if the child is placed in institutional care;
- (3) contain a transition plan for a child who is at least 16 years of age that identifies the services and specific tasks that are needed to assist the child in making the transition from substitute care to adult living and describes the services that are being provided through the Transitional Living Services Program operated by the department;
- (4) evaluate whether the child's current educational placement is appropriate for meeting the child's academic needs;

(5) identify other plans or services that are needed to meet the child's special needs or circumstances;

(6) describe the efforts of the department or authorized agency to place the child for adoption if parental rights to the child have been terminated and the child is eligible for adoption, including efforts to provide adoption promotion and support services as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 629a and other efforts consistent with the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Pub. L. No. 105-89);

(7) for a child for whom the department has been named managing conservator in a final order that does not include termination of parental rights, describe the efforts of the department to find a permanent placement for the child, including efforts to:

(A) work with the caregiver with whom the child is placed to determine whether that caregiver is willing to become a permanent placement for the child;

(B) locate a relative or other suitable individual to serve as permanent managing conservator of the child; and

(C) evaluate any change in a parent's circumstances to determine whether:

(i) the child can be returned to the parent;

or

(ii) parental rights should be terminated;

~~[and]~~

(8) with respect to a child committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department ~~[Youth Commission]~~ or released under supervision by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department ~~[Youth Commission]~~:

(A) evaluate whether the child's needs for treatment and education are being met;

(B) describe, using information provided by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department ~~[Youth Commission]~~, the child's progress in any rehabilitation program administered by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department ~~[Youth Commission]~~; and

(C) recommend other plans or services to meet the

child's needs; and

(9) identify any placement changes that have occurred since the most recent court hearing concerning the child and describe any barriers to sustaining the child's placement, including any reason for which a substitute care provider has requested a placement change.