

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 769  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2013; February 26, 2013,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
 1-4 Services; March 28, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 28, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Deuell	X			
1-9 Huffman	X			
1-10 Nichols	X			
1-11 Schwertner			X	
1-12 Taylor	X			
1-13 Uresti	X			
1-14 West	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide  
 1-20 specialized training to foster parents of certain children.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 264.124 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 264.124. FOSTER PARENT PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The  
 1-25 department shall establish a pilot program to provide specialized  
 1-26 training to foster parents of children who have been traumatized or  
 1-27 have serious mental health needs if the department or another state  
 1-28 agency is able to provide the training using existing resources or a  
 1-29 local governmental entity or charitable organization is able to  
 1-30 provide the training at no cost to the state.

1-31 (b) The department shall:

1-32 (1) establish the pilot program in a county with a  
 1-33 population of at least 1.5 million that is within 200 miles of an  
 1-34 international border;

1-35 (2) coordinate the specialized training as part of  
 1-36 community-based services and support provided under a Wraparound  
 1-37 individualized planning process for foster children as prescribed  
 1-38 by the Texas Integrated Funding Initiative Consortium; and

1-39 (3) evaluate the pilot program not later than the  
 1-40 second anniversary of the date the program is established.

1-41 (c) The department shall prepare a report containing the  
 1-42 evaluation required under Subsection (b)(3) and the department's  
 1-43 recommendations on the feasibility and continuation of the pilot  
 1-44 program. The department shall submit electronically a copy of the  
 1-45 report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the  
 1-46 house of representatives not later than December 1, 2016.

1-47 (d) This section expires September 1, 2017.

1-48 SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2014, the Department of  
 1-49 Family and Protective Services shall establish the pilot program  
 1-50 required under Section 264.124, Family Code, as added by this Act.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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