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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend S.B. No. 206 on third reading by adding the following
2 appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the
3 remaining SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

4 SECTION ____ Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 264.761 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 264.761. STUDY OF PROGRAM. (a) The department shall
7 study the effectiveness of the relative and other designated
8 caregiver placement program created by this subchapter and make
9 recommendations to the legislature for improving the program. The
10 recommended improvements must be designed to minimize the number of
11 placements for each child, maximize efficiency in the distribution
12 of any monetary or other assistance for which caregivers qualify,
13 facilitate a safe and permanent exit from the managing
14 conservatorship of the department in as timely a fashion as
15 possible, and assist caregivers in obtaining the verification
16 necessary to qualify for foster care maintenance reimbursement.
17 The recommendations may include increases in the amount of
18 assistance and the identification of automated or other processes
19 designed to speed the payment of assistance.

20 (b) The department shall report its findings and
21 recommendations to the legislature not later than January 1, 2017.

22 (c) This section expires September 1, 2017.