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H.B. No. 656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payment of foster care costs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 264.101(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall ~~may~~ pay the cost of foster care for a child:

(1) for whom the department ~~[has initiated a suit and]~~ has been named managing conservator under an order rendered under this title, who is a resident of the state, and who has been placed ~~[by the department]~~ in a foster home or child-care institution, as defined by Chapter 42, Human Resources Code; or

(2) who is under the placement and care of a state agency or political subdivision with which the department has entered into an agreement to reimburse the cost of care and supervision of the child.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.