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H.B. No. 843

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to housing services provided through the transitional living services program to certain children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.121, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) The department shall ensure that each youth's transition plan includes a housing stability plan that:

(1) identifies the cost of housing in relation to the youth's sources of income, including any benefits or rental assistance available to the youth;

(2) identifies any housing agreement that the youth has entered into with family or friends and ensures that in making the agreement the youth has considered:

(A) the length of time the youth expects to stay in the housing arrangement;

(B) expectations for the youth regarding paying rent and meeting other household obligations;

(C) the youth's psychological and emotional needs, as applicable; and

(D) any potential conflicts with other household members, or any difficulties connected to the type of housing the youth is seeking, that may arise based on the youth's psychological

1 and emotional needs;

2 (3) informs the youth about emergency shelters and
3 housing resources;

4 (4) ensures that the youth understands a common rental
5 application and possesses all of the documentation required to
6 successfully obtain rental housing; and

7 (5) identifies any individuals who are able to serve
8 as cosigners or references on the youth's applications for housing.

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