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H.B. No. 1268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to monetary assistance by the Department of Family and
3 Protective Services provided to foster parents and relative or
4 designated caregivers for day-care services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 264.124, Family Code, as added by
7 Chapter 423 (S.B. 430), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular
8 Session, 2013, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as
9 follows:

10 (e) On receipt of the verification required under
11 Subsection (b), or as provided by Subsection (d), the department
12 shall provide monetary assistance to a foster parent for day care
13 for a foster child, regardless of the type of day care chosen by the
14 foster parent. The department may not deny monetary assistance to
15 the foster parent based on the number of hours the foster parent
16 works each week.

17 SECTION 2. Section 264.755, Family Code, is amended by
18 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

19 (f) On receipt of the verification required under
20 Subsection (d), or as provided by Subsection (e), the department
21 shall provide monetary assistance to a relative or designated
22 caregiver for day care for the child, regardless of the type of day
23 care chosen by the relative or designated caregiver. The department
24 may not deny monetary assistance to the relative or designated

1 caregiver based on the number of hours the relative or designated
2 caregiver works each week.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.