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H.B. No. 1268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 caregiver based on the number of hours the child attends day care  
2 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.