

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1117  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2015; March 16, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;  
 1-4 March 30, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 30, 2015,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1117 By: Uresti

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to housing services provided through the transitional  
 1-22 living services program to certain children in the conservatorship  
 1-23 of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 264.121, Family Code, is amended by  
 1-26 adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1-27 (i) The department shall ensure that the transition plan for  
 1-28 each youth 16 years of age or older includes provisions to assist  
 1-29 the youth in managing the youth's housing needs after the youth  
 1-30 leaves foster care, including provisions that:

1-31 (1) identify the cost of housing in relation to the  
 1-32 youth's sources of income, including any benefits or rental  
 1-33 assistance available to the youth;

1-34 (2) if the youth's housing goals include residing with  
 1-35 family or friends, state that the department has addressed the  
 1-36 following with the youth:

1-37 (A) the length of time the youth expects to stay  
 1-38 in the housing arrangement;

1-39 (B) expectations for the youth regarding paying  
 1-40 rent and meeting other household obligations;

1-41 (C) the youth's psychological and emotional  
 1-42 needs, as applicable; and

1-43 (D) any potential conflicts with other household  
 1-44 members, or any difficulties connected to the type of housing the  
 1-45 youth is seeking, that may arise based on the youth's psychological  
 1-46 and emotional needs;

1-47 (3) inform the youth about emergency shelters and  
 1-48 housing resources, including supervised independent living and  
 1-49 housing at colleges and universities, such as dormitories;

1-50 (4) require the department to review a common rental  
 1-51 application with the youth and ensure that the youth possesses all  
 1-52 of the documentation required to obtain rental housing; and

1-53 (5) identify any individuals who are able to serve as  
 1-54 cosigners or references on the youth's applications for housing.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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