

Amend **HB 4** (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 1, lines 7-8, strike "(b-1) and (b-2)" and substitute "(b-1), (b-2), and (f)".

(2) On page 2, line 2, strike "on" and substitute "not later than the 60th day after the date of [on]".

(3) On page 2, line 13, between "caregiver" and ".", insert "who is not placed as part of a sibling group".

(4) On page 2, line 15, between "group." and "[", insert "The executive commissioner, with assistance from the department and the commission, shall adopt a rule governing the method for allocating the one-time cash payment between the department and the commission."

(5) On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

(f) The department shall reimburse a relative or other designated caregiver annually for expenses permitted under Subsection (c)(6). The department shall issue the initial reimbursement as soon as possible but not later than the 180th day after the date the child or sibling group is placed with the relative or designated caregiver. If the department does not receive an initial request for reimbursement from the relative or designated caregiver before the 180th day after the date of placement, the department shall:

(1) make a good faith effort, as part of the department's regular contact with the relative or designated caregiver, to request submission of the initial reimbursement request; and

(2) issue the reimbursement as soon as possible after the department receives the request for reimbursement.

(6) On page 4, line 16, strike "Subsection (b)" and substitute "Subsections (b) and (c)".

(7) On page 5, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(c) Section 264.755(f), Family Code, as added by this Act, applies only to the reimbursement of a relative or other designated caregiver for expenses for which a completed request for reimbursement is submitted to the Department of Family and Protective Services on or after the effective date of this Act.