

Amend CSSB 11 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 262.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 262.013. PRIORITY IN PLACEMENT. In placing a child with a foster parent, the department shall give priority to family homes with the fewest number of foster children in the home that can best meet the needs of a foster child if the prioritization does not contradict the best interests of a child or established department performance measures. In placing a sibling group, the department shall, to the extent possible, place the sibling group in the same home if it is in the best interest of each child in the home.