

Amend CSSB 11 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 21, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

(a-1) Notwithstanding the process for the expansion of community-based foster care described in Subsection (a), and in accordance with the community-based foster care implementation plan developed under Section 264.153, beginning September 1, 2017, the department shall:

(1) begin accepting proposals from entities to provide community-based foster care services in a designated catchment area;

(2) not later than the 90th day after receiving a proposal described by Subdivision (1), determine whether the entity that submitted the proposal is qualified to serve as a single source continuum contractor under Section 264.157; and

(3) following the readiness review process described by Section 264.154, and subject to the availability of funds, implement community-based foster care in catchment areas where a qualified single source continuum contractor has been selected.

(2) On page 22, line 1, strike "Subsection (a)" and substitute "Subsection (a) or the implementation of community-based foster care in catchment areas as provided under Subsection (a-1)".