

Amend SB 1758 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 9, line 9, strike "and (a-4)" and substitute ", (a-4), (a-5), and (a-6)".

(2) On page 9, strike lines 10 through 22 and substitute the following:

(a-3) The department shall conduct an independent living skills assessment for all youth in the department's conservatorship who are 16 years of age or older.

(a-4) The department shall conduct an independent living skills assessment for all youth in the department's permanent managing conservatorship who are at least 14 years of age but younger than 16 years of age.

(a-5) The department shall annually update the assessment for each youth assessed under Subsections (a-3) and (a-4) to determine the independent living skills the youth learned during the preceding year to ensure that the department's obligation to prepare the youth for independent living has been met. The department shall conduct the annual update through the youth's plan of service in coordination with the youth, the youth's caseworker, the staff of the Preparation for Adult Living Program, and the youth's caregiver.

(3) On page 9, line 23, strike "(a-4)" and substitute "(a-6)".

(4) On page 10, line 7, strike "this Act" and substitute "Section 264.121(a-4), Family Code, as added by this Act,".

(5) On page 10, line 10, strike "this Act" and substitute "Section 264.121(a-4), Family Code, as added by this Act,".

(6) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The Department of Family and Protective Services shall conduct the independent living skills assessments for youth in the department's permanent managing conservatorship required by Section 264.121(a-4), Family Code, as added by this Act, according to the following schedule, if funds are available for that purpose:

(1) beginning September 1, 2017, the department shall assess youth who are at least 15 years of age but younger than 16

years of age; and

(2) beginning September 1, 2018, the department shall assess youth who are at least 14 years of age but younger than 15 years of age.