



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 5 (house committee printing) by adding
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 40, Human
5 Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 40.0327 to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 40.0327. COMMUNITY INITIATIVE SPECIALIST. (a) The
8 department shall designate an employee of the department as the
9 community initiative specialist to serve as a liaison between
10 the department and nonprofit agencies that provide assistance to
11 families in crisis.

12 (b) The community initiative specialist shall assist
13 nonprofit agencies in the provision of services and resources to
14 families in crisis, including:

15 (1) temporary out-of-home placement of a child with a
16 caregiver;

17 (2) mentoring programs, transportation, babysitting
18 services, meal provision, and other support services;

19 (3) furniture, clothing, and other household items;

20 (4) parenting education training; and

21 (5) mentoring programs for young adults aging out of
22 foster care.

23 (b) The community initiative specialist position in the
24 Department of Family and Protective Services remains as a
25 position in the department after the department becomes an
26 independent state agency.