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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter C, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 264.2042 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 264.2042. GRANTS FOR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY
7 COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS. (a) Using available funds or private
8 donations, the governor shall establish and administer an
9 innovation grant program to award grants to support faith-based
10 community programs that collaborate with the department and the
11 commission to improve foster care and the placement of children in
12 foster care.

13 (b) A faith-based community program is eligible for a grant
14 under this section if:

15 (1) the effectiveness of the program is supported by
16 empirical evidence; and

17 (2) the program has demonstrated the ability to build
18 connections between faith-based, secular, and government
19 stakeholders.

20 (c) The regional director for the department in the region
21 where a grant recipient program is located, or the regional
22 director's designee, shall serve as the liaison between the
23 department and the program for collaborative purposes. For a
24 program that operates in a larger region, the department may
25 designate a liaison in each county where the program is operating.
26 The department or the commission may not direct or manage the
27 operation of the program.

28 (d) The initial duration of a grant under this section is
29 two years. The governor may renew a grant awarded to a program

1 under this section if funds are available and the governor
2 determines that the program is successful.

3 (e) The governor may not award to a program grants under
4 this section totaling more than \$300,000.

5 (f) The governor shall adopt rules to implement the grant
6 program created under this section.

7 SECTION _____. As soon as practicable after the effective
8 date of this Act, the governor shall adopt rules for the
9 implementation and administration of the innovation grant program
10 established under Section 264.2042, Family Code, as added by this
11 Act, and begin to award grants under the program.