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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. No. 6 by adding the following
2 appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the
3 SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 264.1252 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 264.1252. FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT STUDY. (a) In
7 this section, "young adult caregiver" means a person who:

8 (1) is at least 21 years of age but younger than 36
9 years of age; and

10 (2) provides foster care for children who are 14 years
11 of age and older.

12 (b) The department shall conduct a study on the feasibility
13 of developing and implementing a program to recruit and provide
14 training and support for young adult caregivers.

15 (c) The department shall complete the study not later than
16 December 31, 2018. The department shall conduct the study in
17 collaboration with an institution of higher education. In
18 evaluating the feasibility of the program, the department shall
19 consider methods to recruit young adult caregivers and the
20 potential impact that the program will have on the foster children
21 participating in the program, including whether the program may
22 result in:

23 (1) increased placement stability;
24 (2) fewer behavioral issues;
25 (3) fewer instances of foster children running away
26 from a placement;

27 (4) increased satisfactory academic progress in
28 school;

29 (5) increased acquisition of independent living

1 skills; and

2 (6) an improved sense of well-being.

3 (d) The department shall report the results of the study to
4 the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
5 representatives, and members of the legislature as soon as possible
6 after the study is completed.

7 (e) This section expires September 1, 2019.

8 SECTION _____. As soon as practicable after the effective
9 date of this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services
10 shall begin the study required by Section 264.1252, Family Code, as
11 added by this Act.