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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BY: Keough

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

Amend C.S.H.B. No. 7 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 264.203, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur, the court on request of the department may order the parent, managing conservator, guardian, or other member of the subject child's household to:

(1) participate in the services the department provides or purchases for:

(A) alleviating the effects of the abuse or neglect that has occurred; or

(B) reducing the reasonable likelihood that the child may be abused or neglected in the immediate or foreseeable future; and

(2) permit the child and any siblings of the child to receive the services.

(e) Before the court may order the participation of a parent, managing conservator, guardian, or other member of the subject child's household in services, the court shall advise any person who is not represented by an attorney of:

(1) the right to be represented by an attorney; and

(2) if the person is indigent and opposes the order to participate in services, the court may appoint an attorney.