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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Gonzalez

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 7 (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 B, Chapter 40, Human Resources  
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 40.0324 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 40.0324. MINIMUM CASEWORKER EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

7 The department may not hire a person to be a child protective  
8 services caseworker unless the person has a bachelor's degree. The  
9 department shall give preference to an applicant for a child  
10 protective services caseworker position if the applicant has a  
11 bachelor's degree or an advanced degree in social work conferred by  
12 a college or university accredited by an accrediting organization  
13 recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

14 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 40.0324, Human Resources Code, as  
15 added by this Act, applies only to a child protective services  
16 caseworker hired by the Department of Family and Protective  
17 Services on or after the effective date of this Act. A caseworker  
18 hired before the effective date of this Act is not required to  
19 possess the degree required by Section 40.0324, Human Resources  
20 Code, as added by this Act, as long as the person remains employed  
21 by the Department of Family and Protective Services as a  
22 caseworker.