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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Giddings

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1 as follows:

(1) At the end of Article IX, Part 17. Miscellaneous Provisions, add the following new rider:

 . **Contingency for HB 1671.** Contingent upon enactment of House bill 1671 or similar legislation allocating all of the state share of child support collected on behalf of children in foster care to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services by the Eighty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, 2017:

- a) amounts appropriated to the Office of Attorney General in Strategy B.1.1., Child Support Enforcement, from Child Support Retained Collection Account No. 787 are reduced by \$900,000 in each year of the 2018-19 biennium;
- b) in addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is appropriated an estimated \$900,000 in DFPS Appropriated Receipts - Child Support Collections in each fiscal year of the 2018-19 biennium to be used as reimbursement for foster care maintenance payments pursuant to the provisions of Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45 Public Welfare, §302.52(b), and appropriation of General Revenue Funds in that strategy are reduced by a like amount.

c) the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the Office of the Attorney General shall evaluate the memorandum of understanding authorized in Texas Family Code §264.109 to find the most efficient manner of distributing child support to kinship caregivers of children in foster care; and, excess foster care child support funds to the corresponding child or appropriate caregiver when the child exits foster care. No later than November 1, 2017, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the Office of the Attorney General shall report to the Legislative Budget Board how the efficiency of the distribution of child support for children in foster care will be improved and how the agencies will track and distribute excess child support funds for children in foster care. The report shall include a timeline for when the anticipated changes to the distribution process will be implemented.