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

1 Amend S.B. No. 11 (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.