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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 11 (house committee report) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 262.013 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 262.013. PRIORITY IN PLACEMENT. In placing a child  
7 with a foster parent, the department shall give priority to family  
8 homes with the fewest number of foster children in the home that can  
9 best meet the needs of a foster child if the prioritization does not  
10 contradict the best interests of a child or established department  
11 performance measures. In placing a sibling group, the department  
12 shall, to the extent possible, place the sibling group in the same  
13 home if it is in the best interest of each child in the home.