

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties contend that too many children age out of the foster care system not fully prepared to live independently as young adults. H.B. 3338 eases the transition out of the foster care system by providing for the development of procedures to ensure that a foster child obtains a driver's license or personal identification card before the child leaves state conservatorship.

H.B. 3338 amends the Family Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety and volunteer advocates from a charitable organization whose charter mandates the provision of services to allegedly abused and neglected children to develop procedures to ensure that a foster child obtains a driver's license or personal identification card before the child leaves the conservatorship of DFPS.

H.B. 3338 amends current law relating to the issuance of identification documentation for foster care youth.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, by adding Section 264.1211, as follows:

Sec. 264.1211. RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS FOR CHILDREN AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE. Requires the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in cooperation with volunteer advocates from a charitable organization described by Subchapter C (Appointment of Volunteer Advocates), Chapter 107 (Special Appointments, Child Custody Evaluations, and Adoption Evaluations), and the Texas Department of Public Safety to develop procedures to ensure that a foster child obtains a driver's license or personal identification card before the child leaves the conservatorship of DFPS.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.