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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT relating to the eligibility of a relative or other designated 2 3 caregiver of a foster child for monetary assistance. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 SECTION 1. Section 264.760, Family Code, is amended to read 5 as follows: 6 7 Sec. 264.760. ELIGIBILITY FOR FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS AND PERMANENCY CARE ASSISTANCE. Notwithstanding any other provision of 8 this subchapter, a relative or other designated caregiver [who 9 becomes licensed by the department or verified by a licensed 10 child-placing agency or the department to operate a foster home, 11 12 foster group home, agency foster home, or agency foster group home under Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, ] may elect to receive 13 14 foster care payments in lieu of the benefits provided by this subchapter[, beginning with the first month in which the relative 15 or other designated caregiver becomes licensed or is verified]. 16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017. 17

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