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S.B. No. 530

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authorization of monetary assistance and support
3 services for caregivers of children in parental child safety
4 placements.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 264.907 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 264.907. CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. (a) The
9 department may, subject to the availability of funds, enter into a
10 caregiver assistance agreement with a caregiver to provide monetary
11 assistance and additional support services to the caregiver. The
12 monetary assistance and support services must be based on the
13 caregiver's and child's needs, as determined by rules adopted by the
14 executive commissioner.

15 (b) The department may agree to provide to a caregiver in an
16 agreement under this section any monetary assistance or additional
17 support services that may be provided in a caregiver assistance
18 agreement under Section 264.755.

19 SECTION 2. The executive commissioner of the Health and
20 Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to
21 implement Section 264.907, Family Code, as added by this Act, not
22 later than December 1, 2017.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.