

House Bill 1608
Senate Amendments
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SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall establish the pilot program required by Section 264.1251, Family Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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