

1-1 By: Minjarez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Powell) H.B. No. 53
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2019;
 1-3 April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 & Human Services; May 16, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 16, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the transitional living services program for certain
 1-20 youth in foster care.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 264.121(a-2) and (f), Family Code, are
 1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a-2) The experiential life-skills training under
 1-25 Subsection (a-1) must include:

1-26 (1) a financial literacy education program developed
 1-27 in collaboration with the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner
 1-28 and the State Securities Board that:

1-29 (A) ~~(1)~~ includes instruction on:

1-30 (i) ~~(A)~~ obtaining and interpreting a
 1-31 credit score;

1-32 (ii) ~~(B)~~ protecting, repairing, and
 1-33 improving a credit score;

1-34 (iii) ~~(C)~~ avoiding predatory lending
 1-35 practices;

1-36 (iv) ~~(D)~~ saving money and accomplishing
 1-37 financial goals through prudent financial management practices;

1-38 (v) ~~(E)~~ using basic banking and
 1-39 accounting skills, including balancing a checkbook;

1-40 (vi) ~~(F)~~ using debit and credit cards
 1-41 responsibly;

1-42 (vii) ~~(G)~~ understanding a paycheck and
 1-43 items withheld from a paycheck; ~~and~~

1-44 (viii) understanding the time requirements
 1-45 and process for filing federal taxes;

1-46 (ix) ~~(H)~~ protecting financial, credit,
 1-47 and personally identifying information in personal and
 1-48 professional relationships and online;

1-49 (x) forms of identity and credit theft; and
 1-50 (xi) using insurance to protect against the
 1-51 risk of financial loss; and

1-52 (B) ~~(2)~~ assists a youth who has a source of
 1-53 income to:

1-54 (i) establish a savings plan and, if
 1-55 available, a savings account that the youth can independently
 1-56 manage; and

1-57 (ii) prepare a monthly budget that includes
 1-58 the following expenses:

1-59 (a) rent based on the monthly rent for
 1-60 an apartment advertised for lease during the preceding month;

1-61 (b) utilities based on a reasonable

2-1 utility bill in the area in which the youth resides;
2-2 (c) telephone service based on a
2-3 reasonable bill for telephone service in the area in which the youth
2-4 resides;
2-5 (d) Internet service based on a
2-6 reasonable bill for Internet service in the area in which the youth
2-7 resides; and
2-8 (e) other reasonable monthly
2-9 expenses; and
2-10 (2) for youth who are 17 years of age or older, lessons
2-11 related to:
2-12 (A) insurance, including applying for and
2-13 obtaining automobile insurance and residential property insurance,
2-14 including tenants insurance; and
2-15 (B) civic engagement, including the process for
2-16 registering to vote, the places to vote, and resources for
2-17 information regarding upcoming elections.
2-18 (f) The department shall require a person with whom the
2-19 department contracts for transitional living services for foster
2-20 youth to provide or assist youth in obtaining:
2-21 (1) housing services;
2-22 (2) job training and employment services;
2-23 (3) college preparation services;
2-24 (4) services that will assist youth in obtaining a
2-25 general education development certificate;
2-26 (5) services that will assist youth in developing
2-27 skills in food preparation;
2-28 (6) nutrition education that promotes healthy food
2-29 choices;
2-30 (7) a savings or checking account if the youth is at
2-31 least 18 years of age and has a source of income;
2-32 (8) mental health services;
2-33 (9) financial literacy education and civic engagement
2-34 lessons required under Subsection (a-2); and
2-35 (10) [~~(8)~~] any other appropriate transitional living
2-36 service identified by the department.

2-37 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2-38 a person who enters into a contract with the Department of Family
2-39 and Protective Services to provide transitional living services for
2-40 foster youth on or after the effective date of this Act.

2-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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