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H.B. No. 475

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information for foster children who are pregnant or  
minor parents.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
amended by adding Section 264.130 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.130. PREGNANCY AND PARENTING INFORMATION. The  
department at developmentally appropriate stages shall ensure that  
children in the managing conservatorship of the department who are  
pregnant or who are minor parents receive information on and  
support in providing safe environments for children, including  
information and support regarding:

(1) safe sleeping arrangements;

(2) suggestions for childproofing potentially  
dangerous settings in a home;

(3) child development and methods to cope with  
challenging behaviors;

(4) selection of appropriate substitute caregivers;

(5) a child's early brain development, including the  
importance of meeting an infant's developmental needs by providing  
positive experiences and avoiding adverse experiences;

(6) the importance of paternal involvement in a  
child's life and methods for coparenting;

(7) the benefits of reading, singing, and talking to

1 young children;

2 (8) the importance of prenatal and postpartum care for  
3 both the mother and infant, including the impact of and signs for  
4 perinatal mood disorders;

5 (9) family planning, including counseling regarding  
6 the prevention of unplanned subsequent pregnancies;

7 (10) infant nutrition and the importance of  
8 breastfeeding; and

9 (11) healthy relationships, including the prevention  
10 of intimate partner violence.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.