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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 provide to  
children in the managing conservatorship of the department who are  
pregnant or who are minor parents 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) methods to cope with crying infants;

(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;

(7) the benefits of reading and talking to young  
children; and

1                   (8) the impact of perinatal mood disorders.

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