By: Sherman, Sr. H.B. No. 261

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to payments made to certain foster parents. |
| 3 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 4 | SECTION 1. Section 264.101, Family Code, is amended by |
| 5 | adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows: |
| 6 | (a-3) In addition to the daily foster care reimbursement |
| 7 | rate paid to a foster parent under this section, the department |
| 8 | shall pay an additional amount equal to 40 percent of the daily |
| 9 | foster care reimbursement rate paid to the foster parent if the |
| 10 | <pre>foster parent:</pre> |
| 11 | (1) cares for a foster child who is 16 years of age or |
| 12 | younger; and |
| 13 | (2) has an adjusted household income at or below 150 |
| 14 | percent of the current federal poverty guidelines for the relevant |
| 15 | household size. |
| 16 | SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the |

17 last day of the legislative session.