

Amend **HB 4544** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 2 of the bill, adding Section 245.0536, Human Resources Code (page 1, line 43), strike "Section 245.0536" and substitute "Sections 245.0536 and 245.0537".

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, immediately after added Section 245.0536, Human Resources Code (page 2, between lines 24 and 25), insert the following:

Sec. 245.0537. PROVIDING RELEASED OR DISCHARGED CHILD WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND SOCIAL SECURITY CARD. (a) In addition to complying with the requirements of Section 245.0536, before releasing a child under supervision or finally discharging a child, the department must:

(1) determine whether the child has a:

(A) certified copy of the child's birth certificate; and

(B) copy of the child's social security card; and

(2) if the child does not have a document described by Subdivision (1), submit to the appropriate entity on behalf of the child a request for the issuance of the applicable document.

(b) The department shall submit a request under Subsection (a)(2) as soon as is practicable to enable the department to receive the applicable document before the department releases or discharges the child and to provide the child with the applicable document when the department releases or discharges the child.

(c) This section does not apply to a child who:

(1) is not legally present in the United States; or

(2) was not a resident of this state before the child was placed in the custody of the department.

(3) In SECTION 4 of the bill, adding transition language (page 2, lines 31 and 32), strike "Section 245.0536, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, applies" and substitute "Sections 245.0536 and 245.0537, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, apply".