BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill will allow the issuance of specialty license plates that include the words "Family First." After deduction of the administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to an account used only by the Texas Education Agency to make grants to a nonprofit organization with chapters operating in schools in this state whose primary purpose is promoting the importance of fatherhood.

As proposed, S.B. 1123 amends current law relating to the issuance of Family First specialty license plates.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.675, as follows:

Sec. 504.675. FAMILY FIRST LICENSE PLATES. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), to issue specialty license plates that include the words "Family First." Requires TxDMV to design the plates in consultation with a representative of the Family First nonprofit organization.

(b) Requires that the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates, after deduction of TxDMV's administrative costs, be deposited to the credit of an account created by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas (comptroller) in the manner provided by Section 504.6012(b) (relating to the administration of a trust fund by the comptroller outside of the general revenue fund). Authorizes money deposited to that account to be used only by the Texas Education Agency to make grants to a nonprofit organization with chapters operating in schools in this state whose primary purpose is promoting the importance of fatherhood.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.