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By:  Sherman, Sr. H.B. No. 722

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to payments made to certain foster parents.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 264.101, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

(a-3)  In addition to the daily foster care reimbursement rate paid to a foster parent under this section, the department shall pay an additional amount equal to 40 percent of the daily foster care reimbursement rate paid to the foster parent if the foster parent:

(1)  cares for a foster child who is 16 years of age or younger; and

(2)  has an adjusted household income that does not exceed 150 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines for the relevant household size.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.