A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of foster children to receive college
credit for completing the Preparation for Adult Living Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.121(a-6), Family Code, is amended to
read as follows:

(a-6) The department, in coordination with the Texas Higher
Education Coordinating Board [stakeholders], shall establish a
work group to develop a plan to ensure that foster youth who
complete [standardize] the standardized curriculum for the
Preparation for Adult Living Program are eligible to receive
college credit for completing the program. The work group must
include representatives from urban and rural institutions of higher
education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code. In
developing its evidence-based recommendations, the work group
shall consider the feasibility of implementing each
recommendation, a foster youth's access to the Preparation for
Adult Living Program, and the average length of time a foster youth
will remain in a placement [that ensures that youth 14 years of age
or older enrolled in the program receive relevant and
age-appropriate information and training]. The department shall
report the plan to the legislature not later than November
[December] 1, 2022 [2018]. This subsection expires September 1,
2023.
SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.