

1-1 By: Johnson of Harris, Lopez, Frank H.B. No. 700
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-4 May 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-5 Human Services; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the eligibility of foster children to receive college
 1-21 credit for completing the Preparation for Adult Living Program.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 264.121(a-6), Family Code, is amended to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a-6) The department, in coordination with the Texas Higher
 1-26 Education Coordinating Board [~~stakeholders~~], shall establish a
 1-27 work group to develop a plan to ensure that foster youth who
 1-28 complete [~~standardize~~] the standardized curriculum for the
 1-29 Preparation for Adult Living Program are eligible to receive
 1-30 college credit for completing the program. The work group must
 1-31 include representatives from urban and rural institutions of higher
 1-32 education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code. In
 1-33 developing its evidence-based recommendations, the work group
 1-34 shall consider the feasibility of implementing each
 1-35 recommendation, a foster youth's access to the Preparation for
 1-36 Adult Living Program, and the average length of time a foster youth
 1-37 will remain in a placement [~~that ensures that youth 14 years of age~~
 1-38 ~~or older enrolled in the program receive relevant and~~
 1-39 ~~age-appropriate information and training].~~ The department shall
 1-40 report the plan to the legislature not later than November
 1-41 [~~December~~] 1, 2022 [~~2018~~]. This subsection expires September 1,
 1-42 2023.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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