A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of a relative or other designated caregiver of a foster child for monetary assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.760, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 264.760. ELIGIBILITY FOR FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS AND PERMANENCY CARE ASSISTANCE. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a relative or other designated caregiver [who becomes verified by a licensed child-placing agency to operate an agency foster home under Chapter 42, Human Resources Code,] may elect to receive foster care payments in lieu of the benefits provided by this subchapter[, beginning with the first month in which the relative or other designated caregiver becomes licensed or is verified].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.