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H.B. No. 637

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the payment of permanency care assistance after a
3 child's 18th birthday.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 264.852, Family Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

7 (e) A permanency care assistance agreement shall provide
8 for permanency care assistance payments until the later of:

9 (1) the last day of the month of the child's 18th
10 birthday; or

11 (2) if the child is regularly attending high school or
12 enrolled in a program leading toward a high school diploma or high
13 school equivalency certificate, the last day of the month in which
14 the child graduates from high school or completes a program leading
15 toward a high school diploma or high school equivalency
16 certificate.

17 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 264.855, Family Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 264.855. CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR PERMANENCY CARE
20 ASSISTANCE BENEFITS UNTIL ~~AFTER~~ AGE 21 ~~18~~.

21 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
22 permanency care assistance agreement entered into on or after the
23 effective date of this Act. A permanency care assistance agreement
24 entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by

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1 the law in effect on the date the agreement was entered into, and
2 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.