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H.B. No. 637

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 637:

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C.S.H.B. No. 637

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.