

1-1 By: Zwiener, Frank, Garcia H.B. No. 4233
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2023;
 1-4 May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-5 Human Services; May 21, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; May 21, 2023, 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 training regarding runaway prevention for certain
 1-21 individuals who provide care for children in the conservatorship of
 1-22 the Department of Family and Protective Services.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 264.015, Family Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-26 (d) Each foster parent, prospective adoptive parent, and
 1-27 relative or other designated caregiver who provide care for
 1-28 children and youth in the conservatorship of the department who are
 1-29 10 years of age or older shall complete a training program on:

1-30 (1) runaway prevention measures; and

1-31 (2) proper procedures in the event a child or youth
 1-32 runs away from the provider.

1-33 (e) The training under Subsection (d) may be:

1-34 (1) offered to providers who provide care for children
 1-35 in the conservatorship of the department who are younger than 10
 1-36 years of age who have a history of running away;

1-37 (2) included as part of existing licensing training
 1-38 provided by the department or contracted residential child-care
 1-39 providers; and

1-40 (3) offered in lieu of required training that is not
 1-41 relevant based on the age of the children for whom the person will
 1-42 be providing care.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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