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H.B. No. 4488

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to preventing discrimination in foster care.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.105 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.105. PROHIBITED DISCRIMINATION IN FOSTER CARE.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 264.0011, in this section, "commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

(b) The commission, the department, a single source continuum contractor, and any other person may not discriminate or take any adverse action against a person on the basis of the person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression relating to child welfare services, including the licensure or verification of a foster home or the placement of a child.

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