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S.B. No. 351

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to responsibility for certain expenses incurred to  
3 temporarily house a child in the conservatorship of the Department  
4 of Family and Protective Services in a hotel.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 262.017 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 262.017. COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTAIN HOUSING  
9 EXPENSES. (a) In this section, "hotel" has the meaning assigned by  
10 Section 792.001, Health and Safety Code.

11 (b) If a court orders the Department of Family and  
12 Protective Services to provide temporary emergency care for a child  
13 under Section 264.107(g) in a hotel or other unlicensed setting,  
14 the county in which the court is located shall pay the expenses to  
15 house the child in that location, including the cost for room and  
16 board and the cost for department staff necessary to monitor the  
17 child.

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