

1-1 By: Middleton S.B. No. 1864
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2023; March 20, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
 1-4 April 24, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 24, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain placements for children in the conservatorship
 1-20 of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 264.020 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 264.020. PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN CONSERVATORSHIP OF
 1-25 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES. (a) In this section,
 1-26 "child" means a person who:

1-27 (1) is younger than 22 years of age and for whom the
 1-28 department has been appointed managing conservator of the child
 1-29 before the child's 18th birthday; or

1-30 (2) is the responsibility of an agency with which the
 1-31 department has entered into an agreement to provide care and
 1-32 supervision of the child.

1-33 (b) In making a placement decision for a child, the
 1-34 department shall give preference to persons in the following order:

1-35 (1) a person related to the child by blood, marriage,
 1-36 or adoption;

1-37 (2) a person with whom the child has a long-standing
 1-38 and significant relationship;

1-39 (3) a foster home; and

1-40 (4) a general residential operation.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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