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Submitted to the Committee on Human Services  
For HB 336

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Hearing Date: March 14, 2023 8:00 AM

Dana Caldwell  
CASA of Liberty and Chambers Counties  
Baytown, TX

I support HB 336. Please vote it out of committee.

Bill Baker, Mr.  
Liberty and Chambers CASA  
Cleveland, TX

I support HB 336, please vote it out of committee; these children are entitled to have full knowledge of all financial aspects of their existence and it is your fiduciary responsibility to ensure this happens, God Bless You!

Pat Baker  
Liberty Chambers CASA  
Cleveland, TX

Please support this bill. All children in the foster care system should have access to any and all benefits available to them. These funds should be going to the child who has earned them by their disability or life situation or medical conditions. They should be informed of any and all benefits.

Wayne Conrad Sr  
Self  
Dallas, TX

I support HB 336. Please vote it out of committee.  
Please protect our foster children!!

LeeAnne Hill, Ms.

Self - Attorney representing CPS parents & children  
Conroe, TX

I fully support this Bill! as a Texas family law attorney who has represented children in CPS care for 25 years this November. Many of these children are entitled to Federal benefits but never know it. Sometimes, the funds that should follow the child end up going to the wrong person. We need to protect our children and their funds so that whoever helps raise them will have access to their funds.

Thank you!

Tricia Clifton, CEO and President  
CASA of Collin County  
McKinney, TX

I support HB 336. Please vote it out of committee.

Javier Solis  
self  
Alamo, TX

I support HB 336. Please vote it out of committee. To adequately represent my client, or ward, it is crucial that I be advised that the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services seeks out all available benefits for the client, or ward. Thank you.

Sincerely, /s/ Javier Solis, Attorney

Bryce Bedford  
Law Office of Bryce W. Bedford  
Buffalo Gap, TX

As an attorney that represents children, I support this notice requirement. While the child is in paid foster care, it is acceptable for the dept. to be the payee, but often they continue as payee when the child is in a kinship placement. This notice requirement would allow me to ask the court to redirect payment to the kinship placement to help with the expense of caring for the child.

Meridith Musgrove  
Optometrist/self  
Fort Worth, TX

Please provide these children with their rightful, protective benefits and make every allowance to make certain they understand what the benefits are, have total access to said benefits and legal ramifications for those who fail to provide said benefits for said foster children.

Julie Hale  
Law Office of Julie Hale  
Victoria, TX

It would be very helpful to the children we represent to be able to track their benefits and to know what purposes the benefits are being used for. Many times, neither the child nor their legal representative even knew benefits had been awarded to the child.

Misty Tiller  
Misty D. Tiller, Attorney at Law/Self  
SA, TX

I support HB 336. Please vote it out of committee!

Sandra Tilton, Trainer  
CASA of Liberty/Chambers Counties  
Liberty, TX

It is important that the children in foster care be notified of certain benefits provided by the Federal Government. So much has already been taken from them in their life time.

April Clark, Mrs.  
My family (self)  
Edna, TX

Í want my children and would give my last breath for a second chance help me please

Merrie Cavanaugh  
Self  
San Antonio, TX

I support HB 336. Please vote it out of committee. A foster child's legal representative should be provided with notice regarding federal benefits that the foster child is eligible to receive (such as veterans' benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance) and an accounting of disbursements.

Phyllis Ray  
Self/CASA, Liberty, Chambers Counties, TX-Court Appointed Special Advocate  
Old River-Winfree, TX

I am for the child always and this bill would protect THEIR rights to be notified of THEIR BENEFITS!