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H.B. No. 3492

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain training for certain individuals who care for
3 children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and
4 Protective Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 264.015, Family Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

8 (f) The department shall require foster parents, adoptive
9 parents, kinship caregivers, department caseworkers, department
10 supervisors, and personnel at agencies that provide services to
11 children in the department's conservatorship to complete an annual
12 online eight-hour training course regarding nurturing the
13 emotional health and supporting the emotional well-being of
14 children, including instruction on attachment issues,
15 trauma-informed care, and emotional expression.

16 (g) In areas of the state where a single source continuum
17 contractor provides foster care or case management services, the
18 department shall ensure that the single source continuum contractor
19 carries out the training required by Subsection (f).

20 (h) The training required under Subsection (f) must be
21 offered in Spanish and English.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.