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H.B. No. 4781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to factors the Department of Family and Protective Services must consider when selecting a foster care placement for a child.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.107(c), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In selecting a placement for a child, the department shall consider whether the placement is in the child's best interest. In determining whether a placement is in a child's best interest, the department shall consider whether the placement:

(1) is the least restrictive setting for the child;

(2) is the closest in geographic proximity to the child's home;

(3) is the most able to meet the identified needs of the child; ~~and~~

(4) satisfies any expressed interests of the child relating to placement, when developmentally appropriate; and

(5) is able to meet the long-term needs of the child, including placement stability.

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