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H.B. No. 5255

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to policies related to the removal and placement of a child
by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 262.114, Family Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) In making a placement decision for a child, the
department may not consider the citizenship or immigration status
of a relative or other designated caregiver.

SECTION 2. Section 262.116, Family Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) When deciding whether to take possession of a child
under this subchapter, the department may not consider the
citizenship or immigration status of the child's parent.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.