

1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 2041
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2025; March 17, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
1-4 April 28, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; April 28, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Kolkhorst	X			
1-9	Perry	X			
1-10	Blanco	X			
1-11	Cook	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hancock	X			
1-14	Hughes	X			
1-15	Miles	X			
1-16	Sparks			X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to factors the Department of Family and Protective
1-20 Services must consider when selecting a foster care placement for a
1-21 child.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 264.107(c), Family Code, is amended to
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (c) In selecting a placement for a child, the department
1-26 shall consider whether the placement is in the child's best
1-27 interest. In determining whether a placement is in a child's best
1-28 interest, the department shall consider whether the placement:

1-29 (1) is the least restrictive setting for the child;

1-30 (2) is the closest in geographic proximity to the
1-31 child's home;

1-32 (3) is the most able to meet the identified needs of
1-33 the child; ~~and~~

1-34 (4) satisfies any expressed interests of the child
1-35 relating to placement, when developmentally appropriate; and

1-36 (5) is able to meet the long-term needs of the child,
1-37 including placement stability.

1-38 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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