

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, adoptive parents do not receive a monetary incentive for adopting children receiving or entitled to receive foster care. Children who are eligible for adoption are often spending over 40 months in foster care before they are placed in an adoptive home. Many people are hesitant to adopt children who have been in the care of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services due to their special needs and the financial burden it will place on the family. Providing a monetary incentive will help these new parents provide for the special needs of their child upon receiving that child in their home. This bill will require the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to pay a monetary incentive to the adoptive parents of certain children.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 669 requires the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to pay a monetary incentive to the adoptive parents of certain children.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 162, Family Code, by adding Subchapter G, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 162.601. INCENTIVES FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS. Requires the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (department), subject to the availability of funds, to pay, in addition to any amount paid under Section 162.304, a monetary incentive to the adoptive parents of a child receiving or entitled to receive foster care at the time the adoption is completed. Requires the incentive to equal a certain amount. Provides that for purposes of this section, an adoption is completed on the date on which the court issues the adoption order.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.