

- SUBJECT:** Payments for part-time day care services provided to foster children
- COMMITTEE:** Human Services — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Raymond, Rose, Keough, S. King, Klick, Naishtat, Peña, Spitzer
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Price
- WITNESSES:** For — Katherine Barillas, One Voice Texas; Andrew Homer, Texas CASA; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Ashley Harris, Texans Care for Children; Melody Chatelle, United Ways of Texas)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Lisa Black and John Specia, Department of Family and Protective Services)
- BACKGROUND:** Family Code, sec. 264.124 governs day care for foster children.
- Currently, foster parents and others caring for foster children do not receive reimbursements for placement in part-time day care. This can force a foster child into full-time day care unnecessarily or prevent an otherwise willing caregiver from caring for a foster child due to the lack of financial assistance available.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 1268 would allow a foster parent, a relative, or a designated caregiver to receive monetary assistance for day care for a foster child regardless of the type of day care chosen or the number of hours the foster parent, relative, or designated caregiver worked each week. The assistance would be provided on receipt of verifications required in existing law.
- This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take

effect September 1, 2015.

**NOTES:**

The Legislative Budget Board estimates the bill would have a negative impact of about \$16.4 million on general revenue related funds through fiscal 2016-17.