

CHAPTER 423

S.B. No. 430

1 AN ACT

2 relating to verification of the unavailability of community day
3 care before the Department of Family and Protective Services
4 provides day-care assistance or services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 264.124 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 264.124. DAY CARE FOR FOSTER CHILD. (a) In this
9 section, "day care" means the assessment, care, training,
10 education, custody, treatment, or supervision of a foster child by
11 a person other than the child's foster parent for less than 24 hours
12 a day, but at least two hours a day, three or more days a week.

13 (b) The department, in accordance with executive
14 commissioner rule, shall implement a process to verify that each
15 foster parent who is seeking monetary assistance from the
16 department for day care for a foster child has attempted to find
17 appropriate day-care services for the foster child through
18 community services, including Head Start programs, prekindergarten
19 classes, and early education programs offered in public schools.
20 The department shall specify the documentation the foster parent
21 must provide to the department to demonstrate compliance with the
22 requirements established under this subsection.

23 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the department may
24 not provide monetary assistance to a foster parent for day care for

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1 if the department determines the verification would prevent an
2 emergency placement that is in the child's best interest.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 430 passed the Senate on
March 21, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 430 passed the House on
May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 2, two
present not voting.

Robert Nancy
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

14 JUNE '13

Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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