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S.B. No. 1637

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to assisting foster children in obtaining and understanding the child's credit report.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.016. CREDIT REPORT FOR FOSTER CHILD. The department shall ensure that each child in the managing conservatorship of the department who is 16 years of age or older:

(1) obtains a free copy of the child's credit report in accordance with the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (Pub. L. No. 108-159) each year until the child is discharged from foster care; and

(2) understands the report and the procedure for correcting inaccuracies in the report.

SECTION 2. Section 264.016, Family Code, as added by this Act, applies to a child in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.