

1-1 By: Howard, Wu (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 475
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;
1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
1-4 Human Services; May 20, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Kolkhorst	X		
1-10	Perry	X		
1-11	Buckingham	X		
1-12	Campbell	X		
1-13	Flores	X		
1-14	Johnson	X		
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Powell	X		
1-17	Seliger	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 475 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to information for foster children who are pregnant or
1-22 minor parents.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 264.130 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 264.130. PREGNANCY AND PARENTING INFORMATION. The
1-27 department at developmentally appropriate stages shall ensure that
1-28 children in the managing conservatorship of the department who are
1-29 pregnant or who are minor parents receive information on and
1-30 support in providing safe environments for children, including
1-31 information and support regarding:

1-32 (1) safe sleeping arrangements;

1-33 (2) suggestions for childproofing potentially
1-34 dangerous settings in a home;

1-35 (3) child development and methods to cope with
1-36 challenging behaviors;

1-37 (4) selection of appropriate substitute caregivers;

1-38 (5) a child's early brain development, including the
1-39 importance of meeting an infant's developmental needs by providing
1-40 positive experiences and avoiding adverse experiences;

1-41 (6) the importance of paternal involvement in a
1-42 child's life and methods for coparenting;

1-43 (7) the benefits of reading, singing, and talking to
1-44 young children;

1-45 (8) the importance of prenatal and postpartum care for
1-46 both the mother and infant, including the impact of and signs for
1-47 perinatal mood disorders;

1-48 (9) infant nutrition and the importance of
1-49 breastfeeding; and

1-50 (10) healthy relationships, including the prevention
1-51 of intimate partner violence.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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