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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. No. 4 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 1, lines 7-8, strike "(b-1) and (b-2)" and
3 substitute "(b-1), (b-2), and (f)".

4 (2) On page 2, line 2, strike "on" and substitute "not later
5 than the 60th day after the date of [en]".

6 (3) On page 2, line 13, between "caregiver" and ".", insert
7 "who is not placed as part of a sibling group".

8 (4) On page 2, line 15, between "group." and "[", insert
9 "The executive commissioner, with assistance from the department
10 and the commission, shall adopt a rule governing the method for
11 allocating the one-time cash payment between the department and the
12 commission."

13 (5) On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert the
14 following:

15 (f) The department shall reimburse a relative or other
16 designated caregiver annually for expenses permitted under
17 Subsection (c)(6). The department shall issue the initial
18 reimbursement as soon as possible but not later than the 180th day
19 after the date the child or sibling group is placed with the
20 relative or designated caregiver. If the department does not
21 receive an initial request for reimbursement from the relative or
22 designated caregiver before the 180th day after the date of
23 placement, the department shall:

24 (1) make a good faith effort, as part of the
25 department's regular contact with the relative or designated
26 caregiver, to request submission of the initial reimbursement
27 request; and

28 (2) issue the reimbursement as soon as possible after
29 the department receives the request for reimbursement.

1 (6) On page 4, line 16, strike "Subsection (b)" and
2 substitute "Subsections (b) and (c)".

3 (7) On page 5, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

4 (c) Section 264.755(f), Family Code, as added by this Act,
5 applies only to the reimbursement of a relative or other designated
6 caregiver for expenses for which a completed request for
7 reimbursement is submitted to the Department of Family and
8 Protective Services on or after the effective date of this Act.