



LSG Floor Report For Emergency Calendar-Wednesday, March 15, 2017

<p>HB 511 By: Davis of Harris</p>	<p>Relating to the training period for a temporary insurance agent's license</p>	<p>Human Services</p>	<p>This bill repeals part of the Texas Family Code that puts a deadline for kinship caregivers to enter a Permanency Care Assistance agreement (PCA). A PCA takes place when a child deemed by DFPS unable to be reunified with their biological parents, and remain permanently with relatives, not resulting in adoption. Currently, the deadline to enroll in a PCA is August 31, 2017.</p> <p>A family that enters a PCA must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to become foster parents • Have child in foster care for six months • Obtain legal custody of child through court <p>Depending on the child's needs a family can receive anywhere between \$400-525 per month. This is payable to children up to the age of 18. In some cases, they can receive payment up to the age of 21 if the family entered after the child turned 16. There are no income requirements to receive this fund.</p> <p>Dropping the enrollment deadline for this helpful program will be an added incentive for kinship caregivers to take in children who need a permanent residence that if familiar to them. Along with this, the bill has been given a positive fiscal note of \$3 Million. For these reasons, HB 511 will serve to benefit children and their relatives who take on the important responsibility of permanent kinship care.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u> Evaluated by: Kylie McNaught 210-382-4295 Kylie@Texaslsg.org</p>
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LSG Floor Report For General Calendar-Wednesday, March 15, 2017

<p>HB 62 By: Craddick</p>	<p>Relating to the use of a wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle; creating a criminal offense; modifying existing criminal penalties.</p>	<p>Transportation</p>	<p>The bill creates a statewide criminal offense when using a mobile device while operating a vehicle. Cell phone use in this bill only includes texting. It does exempt in the cases of emergencies, reporting illegal activity, people with driver's permit, and individuals licensed by Federal Communications Commission using a radio frequency device. It also craves out some individuals with occupational obligations such as dispatchers, digital network, or software application.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u> Evaluated by: Andrea Elizondo 210-382-4295 Andrea@texaslsg.org</p>
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