SECTION 7. Section 33.0111(g), Health and Safety Code, is repealed.

SECTION 8. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall implement the changes in law made by this Act to the newborn screening program under Chapter 33, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 9. (a) The change in law made by this Act in amending Section 33.017, Health and Safety Code, regarding the qualifications of members of the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee does not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the committee immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve as a member of the committee for the remainder of the member's term. The change in law applies only to a member appointed on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the commissioner of state health services shall appoint the additional committee members required by Section 33.017, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 24, 2013: Yeas 141, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 740 on May 15, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 269

H.B. No. 748

AN ACT
relating to a waiver allowing the Department of Family and Protective Services to use certain federal funds to test innovation strategies in child welfare programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 40.074 to read as follows:

Sec. 40.074. WAIVER TO USE FUNDS TO TEST INNOVATIONS TO CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS. (a) The department shall apply for and actively pursue a waiver, as authorized by the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Pub. L. No. 112-34), to allow the department to use federal funds available under Title IV-E, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 670 et seq.), to conduct demonstration projects to accomplish one or more of the following goals:

(1) providing more permanency for children by reducing time in foster care and promoting successful transitions to adulthood for former foster youth;

(2) increasing positive outcomes for infants, children, and families in their homes and communities and increasing the safety and well-being of infants, children, and youth; and

(3) preventing child abuse and neglect and the reentry of children into foster care.

(b) This section expires December 31, 2015.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 137, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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