

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Foster parents throughout the state have experienced difficulties when applying for and having a child placed with them.

H.B. 3137 requires the Department of Family and Protective Services to develop and provide certain foster parents with a statement regarding the rights and responsibilities of those persons and the agency.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 42.0452, as follows:

Sec. 42.0452. FOSTER PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT.

(a) Requires the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to develop a statement that lists the rights and responsibilities of a foster parent in a foster home or an agency foster home and of DFPS or a child-placing agency, as applicable.

(b) Requires DFPS to provide a written copy of the statement developed under Subsection (a) to each foster parent in a foster home and to each child-placing agency licensed by DFPS. Requires a child-placing agency to provide a written copy of the statement developed under Subsection (a) to each foster parent in an agency foster home verified by the child-placing agency.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.