

CHAPTER 796

S.B. No. 267

An Act relating to medical care and financial assistance for certain adopted children; amending Section 47.004, Human Resources Code, as amended, by adding a new Subsection (c) and redesignating existing Subsection (c) as Subsection (d) and amending it.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47.004, Human Resources Code, as amended, is amended by redesignating and amending Subsection (c) as Subsection (d) and adding a new Subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) In addition to the subsidy prescribed by Subsection (b) of this section, the department may subsidize the cost of medical care for a hard-to-place child. The department shall determine the amount and need for the subsidy.

“(d) [(e)] The county may pay a [the] subsidy under Subsection (b) or (c) of this section if the county is responsible for the child's foster home care at the time of the adoption. The state shall pay the subsidy if at the time of the adoption the child is receiving aid under the department's aid to families with dependent children program, and the state may pay the subsidy if the department is managing conservator for the child. If the child is receiving supplemental security income from the federal government, the state may pay the subsidy regardless of whether the state is the managing conservator for the child.”

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 13, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 23, 1985, by a non-record vote.

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