

1. Title

Employment Preferences for Former Foster Children

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Preference in Employment. As authorized in Chapter 672 of the *Texas Government Code*, an individual 25 years of age or younger who was under the permanent managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services on the day preceding the individual's 18th birthday is entitled to a preference in State employment over other applicants for the same position who do not have greater qualifications.

Sec. 2 Complaint Regarding Employment Decision. Chapter 672 of the *Texas Government Code* provides that a former foster child entitled to an employment preference who is aggrieved by a decision of a State agency or institution relating to hiring or to retention of the individual in the event of a workforce reduction may appeal the decision by filing a complaint with the governing body of the agency.

Sec. 3 Delegation. The Board delegates to the Chief Administrative Officer of each U. T. System institution the authority to review all such written complaints and to respond within 15 business days of receipt. The Chief Administrative Officer shall review complaints promptly and may render a different employment decision if it is determined that the employment preference was not applied. The decision of the Chief Administrative Officer shall be final.

3. Definitions

Chief Administrative Officer – The Chancellor of the U. T. System and the Presidents of each of the institutions of the U. T. System.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 672](#) – Employment Preference for Former Foster Children

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contract Information

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