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H.B. No. 135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to notifying an alleged perpetrator of child abuse or
3 neglect of the person's right to record an investigative interview.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 261, Family Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 261.3027 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 261.3027. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO RECORD INTERVIEW. (a)
8 Before conducting an interview with an alleged perpetrator, the
9 department shall inform the person that:

10 (1) the person may record the interview; and
11 (2) any recording made by the person may be subject to
12 subpoena under a court order.

13 (b) The department shall document in the case file that the
14 department provided the notice required by Subsection (a).

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.