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H.B. No. 3009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to child custody evaluations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 107.103, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) In appointing a child custody evaluator in a suit in which a party subject to the child custody evaluation does not speak English as a primary language, the court shall ensure that the child custody evaluator:

(1) is able to effectively communicate in the primary language of the party; or

(2) will be accompanied by a certified interpreter.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a child custody evaluation conducted on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the suit affecting the parent-child relationship was filed before, on, or after that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.