

1-1 By: Ramos, Wu (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3009  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;  
 1-3 May 17, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to child custody evaluations.  
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 107.103, Family Code, is amended by  
 1-22 adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:  
 1-23 (e) In appointing a child custody evaluator in a suit in  
 1-24 which a party subject to the child custody evaluation does not speak  
 1-25 English as a primary language, the court shall ensure that the child  
 1-26 custody evaluator:  
 1-27 (1) is able to effectively communicate in the primary  
 1-28 language of the party; or  
 1-29 (2) will be assisted by a licensed or certified  
 1-30 interpreter.  
 1-31 (f) A licensed or certified interpreter assisting a child  
 1-32 custody evaluator under Subsection (e)(2) may accompany the  
 1-33 evaluator in person or assist through use of audio or video  
 1-34 conferencing technology.  
 1-35 (g) The court may require the parties to pay any costs  
 1-36 associated with obtaining assistance for a child custody evaluator  
 1-37 from a licensed or certified interpreter.  
 1-38 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-39 to a child custody evaluation conducted on or after the effective  
 1-40 date of this Act, regardless of whether the suit affecting the  
 1-41 parent-child relationship was filed before, on, or after that date.  
 1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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