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H.B. No. 891

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of expert testimony to challenge the
3 qualifications of or methodology used by a child custody evaluator
4 in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 104.008, Family Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a party is not
9 prohibited from using expert testimony to challenge the
10 qualifications of or methodology used by a person who has conducted
11 a custody evaluation relating to the child under Subchapter D,
12 Chapter 107.

13 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
14 a suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or
15 after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the
16 parent-child relationship filed before the effective date of this
17 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit is filed,
18 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.