

1-1 By: Spiller, Garcia (Senate Sponsor - Bettencourt) H.B. No. 891
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023;
 1-3 May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the use of expert testimony in certain suits affecting
 1-22 the parent-child relationship.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 104.008, Family Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-26 (a-1) Subsection (a) does not prohibit a person from
 1-27 offering an expert opinion regarding the qualifications of,
 1-28 reliability of the methodology used by, or relevance of the
 1-29 information obtained by a person who has conducted a custody
 1-30 evaluation relating to the child under Subchapter D, Chapter 107,
 1-31 as long as the person's testimony does not violate Subsection (a).

1-32 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-33 a suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or
 1-34 after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the
 1-35 parent-child relationship filed before the effective date of this
 1-36 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit is filed,
 1-37 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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