

By: Harris of Anderson

H.B. No. 4062

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the recording of an interview of a child by a child  
3 custody evaluator in certain suits affecting the parent-child  
4 relationship.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 107.112, Family Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) A child custody evaluator shall create an audio or  
9 video recording of each interview the evaluator conducts with a  
10 child who is the subject of a suit seeking conservatorship of,  
11 possession of, or access to the child unless the interview is  
12 conducted in the presence of all parties to the suit.

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

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