

AN ACT

relating to recording the status of certain home studies performed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 262.114, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

(a-3) The department shall maintain an electronic record of the status of a home study required under Subsection (a) of a potential relative or designated caregiver.

SECTION 2. Section 262.114(a-3), Family Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a home study performed on or after the effective date of this Act. A home study performed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the home study was performed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 135 passed the Senate on April 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 135 passed the House on May 19, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 123, Nays 20, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor