

By: West  
(Ramos)

S.B. No. 135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to recording the status of certain home studies performed  
3 by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

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

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

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

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