By: Schatzline H.B. No. 4969

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to remedies for a cause of action brought by a child
- 3 welfare services provider for an adverse action taken against the
- 4 provider in violation of the provider's rights of conscience.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 45.007, Human Resources Code, is amended
- 7 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 8 (c) In addition to any remedy under Subsection (a), a child
- 9 welfare services provider who successfully asserts a claim or
- 10 <u>defense under this chapter is entitled to recover reasonable</u>
- 11 attorney's fees and court costs.
- 12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.