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H.B. No. 1689

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain agreements in connection with an adoption
3 order.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 162.016, Family Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

7 (d) The parties to an adoption may enter into a written
8 agreement specifying the terms of the adoption, including terms:

9 (1) allowing a person whose parent-child relationship
10 with respect to the adopted child is terminated to have possession
11 of or access to the child at specified times; and

12 (2) providing for other contact between that person
13 and the adopted child.

14 (e) If the parties to an adoption enter into an agreement
15 authorized by Subsection (d), the court shall render an adoption
16 order in accordance with the agreement. The terms of the agreement
17 contained in the adoption order or incorporated by reference may be
18 enforced by all remedies available for enforcement of a judgment,
19 including contempt, but are not enforceable as a contract.

20 SECTION 2. Section 162.016, Family Code, as amended by this
21 Act, applies to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in
22 which an adoption is sought that is pending in a trial court on or
23 that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.