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H.B. No. 802

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the investigation of certain reports of child abuse and
3 neglect.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 261, Family Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 261.3012 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 261.3012. COMPLETION OF PAPERWORK. An employee of the
8 department who responds to a report that is assigned the highest
9 priority in accordance with department rules adopted under Section
10 261.301(d) shall identify, to the extent reasonable under the
11 circumstances, forms and other paperwork that can be completed by
12 members of the family of the child who is the subject of the report.
13 The department employee shall request the assistance of the child's
14 family members in completing that documentation but remains
15 responsible for ensuring that the documentation is completed in an
16 appropriate manner.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.