

1-1 By: Uresti, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 802  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 6, 2005;  
1-3 April 7, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; April 27, 2005, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 27, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the investigation of certain reports of child abuse and  
1-9 neglect.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 261, Family Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 261.3012 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 261.3012. COMPLETION OF PAPERWORK. An employee of the  
1-14 department who responds to a report that is assigned the highest  
1-15 priority in accordance with department rules adopted under Section  
1-16 261.301(d) shall identify, to the extent reasonable under the  
1-17 circumstances, forms and other paperwork that can be completed by  
1-18 members of the family of the child who is the subject of the report.  
1-19 The department employee shall request the assistance of the child's  
1-20 family members in completing that documentation but remains  
1-21 responsible for ensuring that the documentation is completed in an  
1-22 appropriate manner.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-27 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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