

Amend CSHB 3997 by adding the following appropriately numbered sections and renumbering the sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Sections 263.407(a) and (c), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent who delivers a child to a designated emergency infant care provider in accordance with Subchapter D, Chapter 262:

(1) is the child's biological parent; ~~[and]~~

(2) intends to relinquish parental rights and consents to the termination of parental rights with regard to the child; and

(3) intends to waive the right to notice of the suit terminating the parent-child relationship.

(c) Before the court may render an order terminating ~~[filing a petition to terminate the]~~ parental rights with regard to a child taken into the department's custody under Section 262.303, the department must:

(1) verify with the National Crime Information Center and state and local law enforcement agencies that the child is not a missing child; and

(2) obtain a certificate of the search of the paternity registry under Subchapter E, Chapter 160, not earlier than the date the department estimates to be the 30th day after the child's date of birth.

SECTION _____. The change in law made by this Act by the amendment of Sections 263.407(a) and (c), Family Code, applies to a child for whom the Department of Family and Protective Services assumes responsibility under Subchapter D, Chapter 262, Family Code, regardless of whether the department assumed responsibility for the child before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.