

By: Martinez

H.B. No. 1170

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1170:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1170

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications to conduct a social study in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

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

SECTION 1. Section 107.0511, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsections (g), (h), and (i) to read as follows:

(g) The minimum qualifications prescribed by this section do not apply to an individual who, before September 1, 2007:

(1) lived in a county that has a population of 500,000 or more and is adjacent to two or more counties each of which has a population of 50,000 or more;

(2) received a four-year degree from an accredited institution of higher education;

(3) worked as a child protective services investigator for the Department of Family and Protective Services for at least four years;

(4) worked as a community supervision and corrections department officer; and

(5) conducted at least 100 social studies in the previous five years.

(h) A person described by Subsection (g) who performs a social study must:

(1) complete at least eight hours of family violence dynamics training provided by a family violence service provider;

1 and

2 (2) participate annually in at least 15 hours of
3 continuing education for child custody evaluators that meets the
4 Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation adopted
5 by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts as those
6 standards existed May 1, 2009, or a later version of those standards
7 if adopted by rule of the executive commissioner of the Health and
8 Human Services Commission.

9 (i) Subsections (g) and (h) and this subsection expire
10 September 1, 2017.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.