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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to an agreement authorizing certain persons to make
3 decisions regarding a child during an investigation of child abuse
4 or neglect.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 34.001, Family Code, is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 Sec. 34.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to:

9 (1) an authorization agreement between a parent of a
10 child and a person who is the child's:

11 (A) [~~(1)~~] grandparent;

12 (B) [~~(2)~~] adult sibling; or

13 (C) [~~(3)~~] adult aunt or uncle; and

14 (2) an authorization agreement between a parent of a
15 child and the person with whom the child is placed under a parental
16 child safety placement agreement.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 34, Family Code, is amended by adding
18 Section 34.0021 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 34.0021. AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT BY PARENT IN CHILD
20 PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASE. A parent may enter into an authorization
21 agreement with a relative or other person with whom a child is
22 placed under a parental child safety placement agreement approved
23 by the Department of Family and Protective Services to allow the
24 person to perform the acts described by Section 34.002(a) with

1 regard to the child:

2 (1) during an investigation of abuse or neglect; or

3 (2) while the department is providing services to the

4 parent.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.