

1-1 By: Guillen, Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 848
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 31, 2011;
1-3 April 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 6, 2011, reported adversely, with
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 848 By: Zaffirini

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to an agreement authorizing certain persons to make
1-11 decisions regarding a child during an investigation of child abuse
1-12 or neglect.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 34.001, Family Code, is amended to read
1-15 as follows:

1-16 Sec. 34.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to:

1-17 (1) an authorization agreement between a parent of a
1-18 child and a person who is the child's:

1-19 (A) [~~(1)~~] grandparent;

1-20 (B) [~~(2)~~] adult sibling; or

1-21 (C) [~~(3)~~] adult aunt or uncle; and

1-22 (2) an authorization agreement between a parent of a
1-23 child and the person with whom the child is placed under a parental
1-24 child safety placement agreement.

1-25 SECTION 2. Chapter 34, Family Code, is amended by adding
1-26 Section 34.0021 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 34.0021. AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT BY PARENT IN CHILD
1-28 PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASE. A parent may enter into an authorization
1-29 agreement with a relative or other person with whom a child is
1-30 placed under a parental child safety placement agreement approved
1-31 by the Department of Family and Protective Services to allow the
1-32 person to perform the acts described by Section 34.002(a) with
1-33 regard to the child:

1-34 (1) during an investigation of abuse or neglect; or

1-35 (2) while the department is providing services to the
1-36 parent.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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