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H.B. No. 3311

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the duty of an attorney ad litem appointed for a child
3 to meet with the child or individual with whom the child resides
4 before each court hearing.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 107.004, Family Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

8 (d-1) A meeting required by Subsection (d) must take place:

9 (1) a sufficient time before the hearing to allow the
10 attorney ad litem to prepare for the hearing in accordance with the
11 child's expressed objectives of representation; and

12 (2) in a private setting that allows for confidential
13 communications between the attorney ad litem and the child or
14 individual with whom the child ordinarily resides, as applicable.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.