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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 a
9 sufficient time before the hearing to prepare for the hearing in
10 accordance with the client's interests and needs and take place in a
11 private setting that allows for confidential communications
12 between the attorney ad litem and the child or individual with whom
13 the child ordinarily resides, as applicable.

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