

1-1 By: Carter (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 3311  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2011;  
1-3 May 9, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 18, 2011, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the duty of an attorney ad litem appointed for a child  
1-9 to meet with the child or individual with whom the child resides  
1-10 before each court hearing.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 107.004, Family Code, is amended by  
1-13 adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

1-14 (d-1) A meeting required by Subsection (d) must take place:

1-15 (1) a sufficient time before the hearing to allow the  
1-16 attorney ad litem to prepare for the hearing in accordance with the  
1-17 child's expressed objectives of representation; and

1-18 (2) in a private setting that allows for confidential  
1-19 communications between the attorney ad litem and the child or  
1-20 individual with whom the child ordinarily resides, as applicable.

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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