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H.B. No. 2844

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to adoption services of the Department of Family and Protective Services with respect to sibling groups.

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

SECTION 1. Section 162.302(e), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) It is the intent of the legislature that the department in providing adoption services, when it is in the children's best interest, keep siblings together and whenever possible place siblings in the same adoptive home. There is a rebuttable presumption that removing a child from a home to place the child in another home with a sibling is not in the child's best interest if the child has never resided or had significant prior contact with the sibling.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.