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H.B. No. 2970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the procedures for the placement of children by certain governmental agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 262.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 262.011. POSSESSION OF CHILD BY FEDERAL AGENCY. (a) A federal governmental agency that takes possession of a child may not place the child with a person who is not the child's parent unless the child has been appointed an attorney ad litem and a guardian ad litem and a court of this state has determined that the placement is in the best interest of the child.

(b) The state shall seek reimbursement from the federal governmental agency for the costs incurred by the state relating to the appointment of the attorney ad litem and guardian ad litem and the court hearing.

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