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H.B. No. 1781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to access by a sibling of a child separated from the  
3 sibling due to an action by the Department of Family and Protective  
4 Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 102.0045, Family Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) The sibling of a child who is separated from the  
9 sibling as the result of an action by the Department of Family and  
10 Protective Services may file an original suit as provided by  
11 Section 153.551 requesting access to the child, regardless of the  
12 age of the sibling. A court shall expedite a suit filed under this  
13 subsection.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.