

Amend CSHB 5 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 107.154(b), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be qualified to conduct an adoption evaluation under this subchapter, a person must:

(1) have a degree from an accredited college or university in a human services field of study and a license to practice in this state as a social worker, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or psychologist and:

(A) have one year of full-time experience working at a child-placing agency conducting child-placing activities; or

(B) be practicing under the direct supervision of a person qualified under this section to conduct adoption evaluations;

(2) be employed by or under contract with a domestic relations office, provided that the person conducts adoption evaluations relating only to families ordered to participate in adoption evaluations conducted by the domestic relations office; or

(3) be qualified as a child custody evaluator under Section 107.104.

SECTION _____. Section 107.154(b), Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an adoption evaluation conducted on or after the effective date of this Act. An adoption evaluation conducted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the evaluation was conducted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.