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H.B. No. 2124

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the procedures for identifying and notifying relevant  
3 federal agencies about certain child abuse and neglect  
4 investigations.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 261.301, Family Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

8 (j) In an investigation of a report of abuse or neglect  
9 allegedly committed by a person responsible for a child's care,  
10 custody, or welfare, the department shall determine whether the  
11 person is an active duty member of the United States armed forces or  
12 the spouse of a member on active duty. If the department determines  
13 the person is an active duty member of the United States armed  
14 forces or the spouse of a member on active duty, the department  
15 shall notify the United States Department of Defense Family  
16 Advocacy Program at the closest active duty military installation  
17 of the investigation.

18 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
19 261.301, Family Code, apply only to a report of abuse or neglect  
20 made on or after the effective date of this Act. A report made  
21 before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the  
22 report was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
23 purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.