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H.B. No. 2129

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Department of Family and Protective Services to notify certain organizations regarding the adoption of certain children.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.208 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.208. NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION TO CERTAIN ENTITIES.

(a) In this section, "faith-based organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 264.113(a).

(b) If the department has entered into a memorandum of understanding with a faith-based organization that authorizes the organization to share information about children in the department's conservatorship who are available for adoption, the department shall notify the faith-based organization when a child whose information has been shared with the organization is adopted.

(c) The department shall provide the notice required by Subsection (b) not later than the end of the fifth business day after the date the adoption order is rendered.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.