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H.B. No. 2849

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the removal of an abuse finding against a parent by the
3 Department of Family and Protective Services following the
4 dismissal of a suit against the parent.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 262, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 262.206 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 262.206. REMOVAL OF FINDING FOLLOWING DISMISSAL OF
9 SUIT. If the court dismisses a suit affecting the parent-child
10 relationship filed under this chapter on the basis that
11 insufficient evidence exists to satisfy a person of ordinary
12 prudence and caution that the parent abused or neglected the child,
13 the department may not include a reason to believe finding against
14 the parent in the department's records for the case.

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