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S.B. No. 566

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications for a person conducting an adoption evaluation.

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

SECTION 1. 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 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to an adoption evaluation conducted on or after the effective date
2 of this Act. An adoption evaluation conducted before the effective
3 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
4 evaluation was conducted, and the former law is continued in effect
5 for that purpose.

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