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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the mandatory dismissal date of certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 263.401, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-2)  When considering under Subsection (b) whether to find that extraordinary circumstances necessitate the child remaining in the temporary managing conservatorship of the department for a case in which the court orders a parent to complete a substance abuse treatment program, the court shall consider whether the parent made a good faith effort to successfully complete the program.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.