By:  Miller, Frank (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 1780

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019; May 8, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services; May 20, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

Buckingham        X

Campbell          X

Flores            X

Johnson           X

Miles             X

Powell            X

Seliger           X

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 only to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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