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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the system for maintaining records relating to children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 40.043 to read as follows:

Sec. 40.043.  CASE TRACKING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The department shall ensure that the department's case tracking and information management system:

(1)  locks information related to any stage of service entered in a case narrative in the system by appropriate department staff, representatives, or agents after approval by department management;

(2)  after information is locked in the case narrative in the system as provided by Subdivision (1):

(A)  prevents modification of the information by any department staff, representative, or agent unless authorized by order of a court; and

(B)  allows appropriate department staff, representatives, and agents to make supplemental entries to the case narrative to update or provide additional information relevant to the case; and

(3)  for any substantive change to information in the system, other than a change to the case narrative, requires the identity of the person making the change and the date the change is made to be included in the system.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.