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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. (a) The department shall ensure that the department's case tracking and information management system:

(1)  provides a date and time stamp and identifies the author for each entry of information in a child's case file in the system; and

(2)  once information is added to a child's case file in the system, prohibits a person from modifying or deleting the information but allows a person to add new or revised information to update a child's case file.

(b)  For each entry of information in a child's case file in the case tracking and information management system, the descriptive and technical metadata for the information must be in a format that allows a system user to clearly and fully understand the date, time, and author identity provided as required by Subsection (a)(1).

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