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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the use of forensic psychology in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

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

SECTION 1.  (a) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall conduct a study regarding the use of forensic psychology in suits affecting the parent-child relationship. In conducting the study, the office shall examine:

(1)  the utility and efficacy of using forensic psychology to assist courts in rendering orders in the best interest of the child; and

(2)  the total cost of a forensic psychology evaluation and the feasibility of regularly requiring or providing those services in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

(b)  Not later than September 1, 2020, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall file a report containing the results of the study and recommendations for legislation with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the legislature.

SECTION 2.  This Act expires September 1, 2021.

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