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H.B. No. 1285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to exemptions to reporting and list requirements for
3 certain attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, mediators, and
4 guardians.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 36.003, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 36.003. EXEMPTION. The reporting requirements of
9 Section 36.004 do not apply to:

10 (1) a mediation conducted by an alternative dispute
11 resolution system established under Chapter 152, Civil Practice and
12 Remedies Code;

13 (2) information made confidential under state or
14 federal law, including applicable rules;

15 (3) a guardian ad litem or other person appointed
16 under a program authorized by Section 107.031, Family Code; ~~or~~

17 (4) an attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, amicus
18 attorney, or mediator appointed under a domestic relations office
19 established under Chapter 203, Family Code;

20 (5) an attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, amicus
21 attorney, or mediator providing services without expectation or
22 receipt of compensation; or

23 (6) an attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, amicus
24 attorney, or mediator providing services as a volunteer of a

1 nonprofit organization that provides pro bono legal services to the
2 indigent.

3 SECTION 2. Section 37.002, Government Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 37.002. EXEMPTION. The appointment requirements of
6 Section 37.004 do not apply to:

7 (1) a mediation conducted by an alternative dispute
8 resolution system established under Chapter 152, Civil Practice and
9 Remedies Code;

10 (2) a guardian ad litem or other person appointed
11 under a program authorized by Section 107.031, Family Code;

12 (3) an attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, amicus
13 attorney, or mediator appointed under a domestic relations office
14 established under Chapter 203, Family Code; ~~or~~

15 (4) a person other than an attorney or a private
16 professional guardian appointed to serve as a guardian as defined
17 by Section 1002.012, Estates Code;

18 (5) an attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, amicus
19 attorney, or mediator providing services without expectation or
20 receipt of compensation; or

21 (6) an attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, amicus
22 attorney, or mediator providing services as a volunteer of a
23 nonprofit organization that provides pro bono legal services to the
24 indigent.

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