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H.B. No. 1780

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the mandatory dismissal date of certain suits affecting
3 the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family
4 and Protective Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 263.401, Family Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

8 (b-2) When considering under Subsection (b) whether to find
9 that extraordinary circumstances necessitate the child remaining
10 in the temporary managing conservatorship of the department for a
11 case in which the court orders a parent to complete a substance
12 abuse treatment program, the court shall consider whether the
13 parent made a good faith effort to successfully complete the
14 program.

15 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
16 a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after
17 the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child
18 relationship filed before that date is governed by the law in effect
19 on the date the suit was filed, and that law is continued in effect
20 for that purpose.

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