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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 to a  
16 suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before, on, or  
17 after the effective date of this Act.

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