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S.B. No. 2142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2021.

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