

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, a court may terminate a parent's parental rights solely because that parent's parental rights were previously terminated with respect to another child for certain conduct involving child endangerment. This penalizes parents who have turned their lives around. H.B. 2924 seeks to ensure parents are not penalized for past mistakes by removing this as a ground for involuntary termination of the parent-child relationship.

H.B. 2924 amends current law relating to certain grounds for the involuntary termination of the parent-child relationship.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 161.001(b), Family Code, to delete existing text authorizing the court to order termination of the parent-child relationship if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the parent has had his or her parent-child relationship terminated with respect to another child based on a finding that the parent's conduct was in violation of certain paragraphs or substantially equivalent provisions of the law of another state. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2021.