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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notifying an alleged perpetrator of child abuse or neglect of the person's right to request an administrative review of the department's findings after an investigation by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 261, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 261.3091 to read as follows:

Sec. 261.3091.  NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW. (a) Before conducting an interview with an alleged perpetrator, the department shall provide written notice to the person that the person may request an administrative review of the department's findings under Section 261.309. The person shall sign the written notice to acknowledge receipt of the notice.

(b)  The department shall document in the case file that the department provided the notice required by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.