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By:  Cason H.B. No. 2970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to contacting certain relatives of a child in the managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 263.007, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 263.007.  REPORT AND AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF RELATIVES. (a) Not later than the 10th day before the date set for a hearing under Subchapter C, the department shall file with the court a report regarding:

(1)  the efforts the department made to identify, locate, and provide information to the individuals described by Section 262.1095;

(2)  the name of each individual the department identified, located, or provided with information; and

(3)  if applicable, an explanation of why the department was unable to identify, locate, or provide information to an individual described by Section 262.1095.

(b)  The report under Subsection (a) must be accompanied by an affidavit affirming the contents of the report.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.