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H.B. No. 891

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to birth records of homeless individuals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 191.0049, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 191.0049. BIRTH RECORD ISSUED TO FOSTER CHILD OR YOUTH OR HOMELESS ~~[CHILD OR YOUTH]~~ INDIVIDUAL. (a) On request of a child ~~[or]~~, youth, or homeless individual described by this section, the state registrar, a local registrar, or a county clerk shall issue, without fee or parental consent, a certified copy of the ~~[child's or youth's]~~ requestor's birth record to:

(1) a homeless child or youth as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a;

(2) a child in the managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services; ~~[and]~~

(3) a young adult who:

(A) is at least 18 years of age, but younger than 21 years of age; and

(B) resides in a foster care placement, the cost of which is paid by the Department of Family and Protective Services~~[-]~~; and

(4) a homeless individual as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11302.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.