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H.B. No. 1112

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the mandatory transfer of certain protective orders that affect a party's right to possession of or access to a child.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 85, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 85.0641 to read as follows:

Sec. 85.0641. MANDATORY TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROTECTIVE ORDERS. (a) This section applies only in a county with a population of four million or more.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 85.064(a), during the pendency of a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, a court that renders a protective order that affects the right of a party to the suit to possession of or access to a child shall transfer the protection order to the court having jurisdiction of the suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

SECTION 2. Section 85.0641, Family Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a protective order rendered on or after the effective date of this Act. A protective order rendered before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was rendered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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