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H.B. No. 2970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to contacting certain relatives of a child in the managing
3 conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective
4 Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
23 suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or
24 after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the

1 parent-child relationship filed before the effective date of this
2 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed,
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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