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H.B. No. 3103

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to creating a database of individuals found by the  
3 Department of Family and Protective Services to have abused or  
4 neglected a child two or more times.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 261, Family Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 261.0021 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 261.0021. DATABASE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ABUSE OR NEGLECT  
9 A CHILD TWO OR MORE TIMES. (a) The department shall create a  
10 database of individuals against whom the department makes a finding  
11 of abuse or neglect of a child two or more times.

12 (b) The database shall include the person's name, address,  
13 and a description of each incident of abuse or neglect. The database  
14 may not include the name of any victim of abuse or neglect.

15 (c) Before the department may add a person's information  
16 regarding the reported cases of abuse or neglect to the database,  
17 the department shall provide written notice to the person that the  
18 person will be added to the database.

19 (d) The department shall make the database available to all  
20 department employees and to each child welfare board appointed by  
21 the commissioners court of a county under Section 264.005.

22 (e) The commissioner of the department shall adopt rules  
23 necessary to carry out this section.

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