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H.B. No. 3284

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to de novo review of certain juvenile matters referred to juvenile court masters in Harris County.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 54, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 54.821 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.821. DE NOVO HEARING. A finding or recommendation in a juvenile court master's report relating to any aspect of a juvenile matter referred to the master and brought under Title 3 or Title 5, Family Code, or in connection with Rule 308a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, is subject to de novo review by the judge of the referring court in the same manner as a case referred to an associate judge under Subchapter D, Chapter 201, Family Code, is reviewed.

SECTION 2. Section 54.821, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a juvenile matter referred to a juvenile court master under Subchapter K, Chapter 54, Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act.

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