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H.B. No. 4381

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring notice to parties in certain suits affecting
3 the parent-child relationship of options for periods of possession
4 of or access to a child under a standard possession order.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 102.009, Family Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

8 (f) If the petition requests the establishment or
9 modification of periods of possession of or access to a child, the
10 citation must include notice of the options for periods of
11 possession of or access to a child under a standard possession order
12 under Subchapter F, Chapter 153.

13 SECTION 2. Section 154.022, Civil Practice and Remedies
14 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

15 (a-1) If a pending dispute concerns the establishment or
16 modification of periods of possession of or access to a child, the
17 notification must include notice of the options for periods of
18 possession of or access to a child under a standard possession order
19 under Subchapter F, Chapter 153, Family Code.

20 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
21 a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after
22 the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child
23 relationship filed before that date is governed by the law in effect
24 on the date the suit was filed, and that law is continued in effect

1 for that purpose.

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