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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to meetings of the Family and Protective Services Council broadcast over the Internet.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 40.026, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d)  For each open meeting of the council, the department shall:

(1)  broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of the meeting and provide access to the broadcast on the department's Internet website; or

(2)  not later than the end of the second business day after the day a meeting is held, make available through the department's Internet website archived video and audio of the meeting until the second anniversary of the date the archived video and audio was first made available on the website.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a Family and Protective Services Council meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. A meeting held before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of the meeting, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.