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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Department of Family and Protective Services to notify certain individuals of changes to child abuse and neglect investigation reports.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 261, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 261.3081 to read as follows:

Sec. 261.3081. NOTICE REGARDING CHANGES MADE BY DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATION REPORT. The department shall notify the following interested parties of any edits or corrections, other than edits or corrections to remedy spelling or grammatical errors, the department makes to the written report prepared by the department under Section 261.308:

(1) the child's parent;

(2) the attorney for the child's parent if represented by an attorney;

(3) an attorney ad litem for the child appointed under Chapter 107;

(4) a guardian ad litem for the child appointed under Chapter 107, including a volunteer advocate; and

(5) any other person the court determines has an interest in the child's welfare.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.