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S.B. No. 335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to meetings of the Family and Protective Services Council held using certain telecommunication devices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 40.021, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A council meeting held by use of a telephone conference call, video conference call, or other similar telecommunication device:

(1) is subject to the notice requirements applicable to other meetings;

(2) must be open to the public and audible to the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting;

(3) must provide two-way audio communication:

(A) between all board members attending the meeting during the entire meeting; and

(B) if public testimony is provided at the meeting, between all board members and a member of the public testifying at the specified meeting location during the public testimony portion of the meeting; and

(4) if the two-way audio communication link described by Subdivision (3) is disrupted at any time, may not continue until the two-way audio communication link is reestablished.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to

1 a Family and Protective Services Council meeting held on or after
2 the effective date of this Act. A meeting held before the effective
3 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of the
4 meeting, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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