

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 335
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 21, 2022; February 15, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
 1-4 March 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to meetings of the Family and Protective Services Council
 1-22 held using certain telecommunication devices.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 40.021, Human Resources Code, is amended
 1-25 by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-26 (g) A council meeting held by use of a telephone conference
 1-27 call, video conference call, or other similar telecommunication
 1-28 device:

1-29 (1) is subject to the notice requirements applicable
 1-30 to other meetings;

1-31 (2) must be open to the public and audible to the
 1-32 public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting;

1-33 (3) must provide two-way audio communication:

1-34 (A) between all board members attending the
 1-35 meeting during the entire meeting; and

1-36 (B) if public testimony is provided at the
 1-37 meeting, between all board members and a member of the public
 1-38 testifying at the specified meeting location during the public
 1-39 testimony portion of the meeting; and

1-40 (4) if the two-way audio communication link described
 1-41 by Subdivision (3) is disrupted at any time, may not continue until
 1-42 the two-way audio communication link is reestablished.

1-43 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-44 a Family and Protective Services Council meeting held on or after
 1-45 the effective date of this Act. A meeting held before the effective
 1-46 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of the
 1-47 meeting, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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