

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The bill author has informed the committee that, in parts of the country, there have been instances where a child's parents have been accused of abuse for refusing to refer to their child with their preferred name, pronouns, and sexual orientation. The bill author has also informed the committee that in other states, legislation has been proposed that considers the refusal of a person responsible for a child's care, custody, or welfare to affirm a child's preferred gender, pronouns, or sexual orientation as a type of coercive control. H.B. 1106 seeks to address this by specifying that a parent who does not affirm their child's preferred name, pronouns, and sexual orientation is not committing abuse or neglect.

H.B. 1106 amends current law relating to the definitions of child abuse and neglect.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 261.001, Family Code, by adding Subdivision (1-a) and amending Subdivision (4), as follows:

(1-a) Provides that "abuse" does not include the refusal by a person responsible for a child's care, custody, or welfare to affirm a child's perception of the child's gender, including a refusal to use a child's preferred name or pronouns, regardless of whether the child's name has been legally changed, or a child's expressed sexual orientation.

(4) Redefines "neglect" to provide that it does not include the refusal by a person responsible for a child's care, custody, or welfare to affirm a child's perception of the child's gender, including a refusal to use a child's preferred name or pronouns, regardless of whether the child's name has been legally changed, or a child's expressed sexual orientation.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.