

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3180
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Passed by the 88th Texas Legislature, H.B. 2850 made changes relating to discovery in civil actions brought under the Family Code in response to certain revisions of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure by the Texas Supreme Court. However, the language contained a scrivener's error, using the word settlement, instead of statement.

H.B. 3180 amends the Family Code to update the list of information of which a party to a civil action may request disclosure during the applicable discovery period. H.B. 3180 would replace the reference to any discoverable witness settlement described by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure with a reference to any discoverable witness statement described by those rules. The bill applies to an action that is pending in a trial court on the bill's effective date or that is filed on or after that date.

H.B. 3180 amends current law relating to the contents of a request for disclosure in a civil action brought under the Family Code.

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 301.052(a), Family Code, to authorize a party to request disclosure under Section 301.051 (Request) of any or all of certain information, including any discoverable witness statement, rather than settlement, described by Rule 192.3(h), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

SECTION 2. Provides that Section 301.052(a), Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies to an action that is pending in a trial court on the effective date of this Act or that is filed on or after that date.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2025.