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H.B. No. 1534

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to confirming the provision of certain notices before the full adversary hearing in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 262, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 262.2011 to read as follows:

Sec. 262.2011. CONFIRMATION OF REQUIRED NOTICE PROVIDED.
Before commencement of the full adversary hearing, the court shall, in writing and in open court, confirm that:

(1) before interviewing an alleged perpetrator, the Department of Family and Protective Services informed the person of the person's right to:

(A) create an audio or video recording of the interview under Section 261.3027; and

(B) request an administrative review of the Department of Family and Protective Services' findings under Section 261.3091; and

(2) as soon as possible after initiating an investigation of a parent or other person having legal custody of a child, the Department of Family and Protective Services provided the person with the information required by Section 261.307.

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

1 suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or
2 after the effective date of this Act. A suit filed before the
3 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
4 date that the suit is filed, and the former law is continued in
5 effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.