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H.B. No. 2399

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to procedures and required findings in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

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

SECTION 1. Section 263.002, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) In making the required findings under Subsection (c), the court shall include the findings in a separate section of its order and enumerate with specificity the facts and the circumstances that serve as the basis for the court's findings. Merely citing the record of the proceedings or incorporating it by reference is insufficient to meet the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 263.306, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-2) If the court determines under Subsection (a-1)(6) that the child's parents are unwilling or unable to provide the child with a safe environment, the court shall include in a separate section of its order written findings describing with specificity the facts and the circumstances that serve as the basis for the court's determination that the child's parents are unwilling or unable to provide the child with a safe environment. Merely citing the record of the proceedings or incorporating it by reference is insufficient to meet the requirements of this subsection.

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1 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply to an
2 action that is pending on or filed on or after the effective date of
3 this Act.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.