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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to prohibiting the dismissal of certain suits affecting  
3 the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family  
4 and Protective Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 263, Family Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 263.4012 to read as follows:

8                   Sec. 263.4012. PROHIBITING DISMISSAL WHEN CHILD IS MISSING.

9    Notwithstanding Section 263.401, the court shall retain

10   jurisdiction and may not dismiss the suit as required by that

11   section if the court finds the child is missing from the child's

12   substitute care provider.

13 SECTION 2. Section 263.501(g), Family Code, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

22                   (1) committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department  
23 or released under the supervision of the Texas Juvenile Justice  
24 Department; or

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1                   (2) missing from the child's substitute care  
2 ~~provider[, unless the child is adopted or permanent managing~~  
3 ~~conservatorship of the child is awarded to an individual other than~~  
4 ~~the department]~~.

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