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S.B. No. 2749

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of abuse or neglect of a child.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 261, Family Code is amended by adding Section 261.0011 to read as follows:

Sec. 261.0011. EXCLUSIONS. In this chapter, "abuse" and "neglect," as defined in Sec. 261.001, do not include the refusal of the child's parent, legal guardian, or other person responsible for a child's care, custody, or welfare to:

(a) affirm the child's expressed sexual orientation or gender identity; or

(b) address the child according to the child's preferred name or pronoun(s), regardless of whether the child has legally changed their name.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.