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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notification and disclosure of records and information concerning an investigation of a report of child abuse or neglect to county or district attorneys.

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

SECTION 1. Section 261.1055, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 261.1055. NOTIFICATION AND RELEASE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO COUNTY OR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS. (a) The [~~A district attorney may inform the department that the district attorney wishes to receive notification of some or all reports of suspected abuse or neglect of children who were in the county at the time the report was made or who were in the county at the time of the alleged abuse or neglect.~~

[~~(b) If the district attorney makes the notification under this section, the~~] department shall, on receipt of a report of suspected abuse or neglect, immediately notify a county or [~~the~~] district attorney with jurisdiction to investigate or prosecute the reported abuse or neglect of the report.

(b) On request by the county or district attorney, [~~as requested and~~] the department shall forward a copy of the report of abuse or neglect and all information concerning the investigation of the reported abuse or neglect, including information that is confidential under Section 261.201, [~~reports~~] to the county or

district attorney not later than the 30th day after the date the department receives the request [~~on request~~].

(c) The information released by the department to a county or district attorney under Subsection (b) is not subject to public release by the county or district attorney under Chapter 552, Government Code, and may only be disclosed for purposes consistent with Articles 39.14, 39.15, and 39.151, Code of Criminal Procedure.

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