By: Menéndez S.B. No. 334

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for a court order following a permanency hearing for a child in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 263.5031, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) At the close of each permanency hearing under this section, based on the court's findings from a review of the permanency progress report under Subsection (a)(4) and any evidence presented by persons entitled to present evidence under Section 263.0021, the court shall render any orders that the court finds to be in the best interest of the child, including any orders necessary to ensure the department is meeting its obligations as managing conservator of the child.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date that the suit is filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.