

1-1 By: Bonnen of Galveston, Miles, Sheets H.B. No. 1781
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Galveston)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;
 1-4 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to access by a sibling of a child separated from the
 1-21 sibling due to an action by the Department of Family and Protective
 1-22 Services.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 102.0045, Family Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-26 (a-1) The sibling of a child who is separated from the
 1-27 sibling as the result of an action by the Department of Family and
 1-28 Protective Services may file an original suit as provided by
 1-29 Section 153.551 requesting access to the child, regardless of the
 1-30 age of the sibling. A court shall expedite a suit filed under this
 1-31 subsection.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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