

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 566
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 20, 2017; February 8, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 6, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; March 6, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the qualifications for a person conducting an adoption
1-20 evaluation.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 107.154(b), Family Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (b) To be qualified to conduct an adoption evaluation under
1-25 this subchapter, a person must:

1-26 (1) have a degree from an accredited college or
1-27 university in a human services field of study and a license to
1-28 practice in this state as a social worker, professional counselor,
1-29 marriage and family therapist, or psychologist and:

1-30 (A) have one year of full-time experience working
1-31 at a child-placing agency conducting child-placing activities; or

1-32 (B) be practicing under the direct supervision of
1-33 a person qualified under this section to conduct adoption
1-34 evaluations;

1-35 (2) be employed by or under contract with a domestic
1-36 relations office, provided that the person conducts adoption
1-37 evaluations relating only to families ordered to participate in
1-38 adoption evaluations conducted by the domestic relations office; or

1-39 (3) be qualified as a child custody evaluator under
1-40 Section 107.104.

1-41 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-42 to an adoption evaluation conducted on or after the effective date
1-43 of this Act. An adoption evaluation conducted before the effective
1-44 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
1-45 evaluation was conducted, and the former law is continued in effect
1-46 for that purpose.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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