

1-1 By: Martinez (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2514  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019;  
 1-3 May 8, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the appointment of an individual qualified to conduct a  
 1-20 child custody evaluation.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 107.106, Family Code, is amended by  
 1-23 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (a) This section applies only to a county:  
 1-26 (1) with a population of less than 500,000;  
 1-27 (2) that is contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay  
 1-28 or inlet opening into the gulf and that borders the United Mexican  
 1-29 States; or  
 1-30 (3) that borders a county described by Subdivision  
 1-31 (2).

1-32 (a-1) In a county to which this section applies [with a  
 1-33 population of less than 500,000], if a court finds that an  
 1-34 individual who meets the requirements of Section 107.104 is not  
 1-35 available in the county to conduct a child custody evaluation in a  
 1-36 timely manner, the court, after notice and hearing or on agreement  
 1-37 of the parties, may appoint an individual the court determines to be  
 1-38 otherwise qualified to conduct the evaluation.

1-39 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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