

1-1 By: Gervin-Hawkins, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Cook) H.B. No. 694  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;  
1-3 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
1-4 Human Services; May 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| 1-7  | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-9  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-13 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 |     |     | X      |     |
| 1-15 |     |     | X      |     |
| 1-16 | X   |     |        |     |

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

1-19 relating to the notification of certain persons concerning certain  
1-20 events related to children in the managing conservatorship of the  
1-21 Department of Family and Protective Services.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 264.018, Family Code, is amended by  
1-24 amending Subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) and adding Subsections  
1-25 (h-1) and (m) to read as follows:

1-26 (d) Not later than 24 hours after an event described by this  
1-27 subsection, the department shall make a reasonable effort to notify  
1-28 a parent of a child in the managing conservatorship of the  
1-29 department and the parent's attorney, if represented by an  
1-30 attorney, of:

1-31 (1) a significant change in medical condition of the  
1-32 child;

1-33 (2) the enrollment or participation of the child in a  
1-34 drug research program under Section 266.0041; ~~and~~

1-35 (3) an initial prescription of a psychotropic  
1-36 medication; and

1-37 (4) a change in the child's placement.

1-38 (e) Not later than 48 hours before the department changes  
1-39 the residential child-care facility of a child in the managing  
1-40 conservatorship of the department, the department shall provide  
1-41 notice of the change to:

1-42 (1) the child's parent and the parent's attorney, if  
1-43 represented by an attorney;

1-44 (2) an attorney ad litem appointed for the child under  
1-45 Chapter 107;

1-46 (3) a guardian ad litem appointed for the child under  
1-47 Chapter 107;

1-48 (4) a volunteer advocate appointed for the child under  
1-49 Chapter 107; and

1-50 (5) the licensed administrator of the child-placing  
1-51 agency responsible for placing the child or the licensed  
1-52 administrator's designee.

1-53 (f) Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), as soon as  
1-54 possible but not later than 48 hours ~~[the 10th day]~~ after ~~[the date]~~  
1-55 the department becomes aware of a significant event affecting a  
1-56 child in the conservatorship of the department, the department  
1-57 shall provide notice of the significant event to:

1-58 (1) the child's parent and the parent's attorney, if  
1-59 represented by an attorney;

1-60 (2) an attorney ad litem appointed for the child under  
1-61 Chapter 107;

2-1 (3) a guardian ad litem appointed for the child under  
 2-2 Chapter 107;  
 2-3 (4) a volunteer advocate appointed for the child under  
 2-4 Chapter 107;  
 2-5 (5) the licensed administrator of the child-placing  
 2-6 agency responsible for placing the child or the licensed  
 2-7 administrator's designee;  
 2-8 (6) a foster parent, prospective adoptive parent,  
 2-9 relative of the child providing care to the child, or director of  
 2-10 the group home or general residential operation where the child is  
 2-11 residing; and  
 2-12 (7) any other person determined by a court to have an  
 2-13 interest in the child's welfare.  
 2-14 (g) For purposes of Subsection (f), if a hearing for the  
 2-15 child is conducted during the 48-hour [~~10-day~~] notice period  
 2-16 described by that subsection, the department shall provide notice  
 2-17 of the significant event at the hearing.  
 2-18 (h-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (h), the department shall  
 2-19 provide notice under this section to a parent's attorney if the  
 2-20 parent is represented by an attorney if:  
 2-21 (1) the department cannot locate the parent; or  
 2-22 (2) the child is in the permanent managing  
 2-23 conservatorship of the department and the parent has not  
 2-24 participated in the child's case for at least six months despite the  
 2-25 department's efforts to involve the parent.  
 2-26 (m) The department shall document all notifications and  
 2-27 attempted notifications made under this section in the child's case  
 2-28 record.  
 2-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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