

1-1 By: Noble, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 4795
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;
 1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, 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 duties of the vital statistics unit of the Department of
 1-20 State Health Services in relation to certain suits affecting the
 1-21 parent-child relationship, including in regard to the electronic
 1-22 transmission of certain information.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 155.101, Family Code, is amended by
 1-25 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
 1-26 follows:

1-27 (b) The vital statistics unit shall, on the ~~written~~
 1-28 request of the Department of Family and Protective Services, the
 1-29 court, an attorney, or a party:

1-30 (1) identify the court that last had continuing,
 1-31 exclusive jurisdiction of the child in a suit and give the docket
 1-32 number of the suit; or

1-33 (2) state that the child has not been the subject of a
 1-34 suit.

1-35 (e) Using existing resources, the vital statistics unit
 1-36 shall establish an electronic process through which the Department
 1-37 of Family and Protective Services may request information under
 1-38 this section.

1-39 SECTION 2. Section 160.422, Family Code, is amended by
 1-40 adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as
 1-41 follows:

1-42 (a-1) Using existing resources, the vital statistics unit
 1-43 shall establish an electronic process through which the Department
 1-44 of Family and Protective Services may request information under
 1-45 this section.

1-46 (b) The certificate of the results of a search must include
 1-47 a digitized or written signature ~~be signed~~ on behalf of the unit
 1-48 and state that:

1-49 (1) a search has been made of the registry; and

1-50 (2) a registration containing the information
 1-51 required to identify the registrant:

1-52 (A) has been found and is attached to the
 1-53 certificate; or

1-54 (B) has not been found.

1-55 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-56 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 1-57 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the
 1-58 changes in law made by this Act.

1-59 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-60 a request received by the vital statistics unit of the Department of
 1-61 State Health Services on or after January 1, 2026. A request

2-1 received before January 1, 2026, is governed by the law in effect
2-2 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
2-3 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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