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S.B. No. 821

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to references to school in the Texas Family Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 34.002(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A parent or both parents of a child may enter into an authorization agreement with a relative of the child listed in Section 34.001 to authorize the relative to perform the following acts in regard to the child:

(1) to authorize medical, dental, psychological, or surgical treatment and immunization of the child, including executing any consents or authorizations for the release of information as required by law relating to the treatment or immunization;

(2) to obtain and maintain health insurance coverage for the child and automobile insurance coverage for the child, if appropriate;

(3) to enroll the child in a day-care program or preschool or in a public or private elementary [~~primary~~] or secondary school;

(4) to authorize the child to participate in age-appropriate extracurricular, civic, social, or recreational activities, including athletic activities;

(5) to authorize the child to obtain a learner's

1 permit, driver's license, or state-issued identification card;

2 (6) to authorize employment of the child; and

3 (7) to apply for and receive public benefits on behalf
4 of the child.

5 SECTION 2. Section 101.028, Family Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Sec. 101.028. SCHOOL. "School" means an elementary [~~a~~
8 ~~primary~~] or secondary school in which a child is enrolled or, if the
9 child is not enrolled in an elementary [~~a primary~~] or secondary
10 school, the public school district in which the child primarily
11 resides. For purposes of this section, a reference to elementary
12 school includes prekindergarten.

13 SECTION 3. Section 153.3101, Family Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 153.3101. REFERENCE TO "SCHOOL" IN STANDARD POSSESSION
16 ORDER. In a standard possession order, "school" means the
17 elementary [~~primary~~] or secondary school in which the child is
18 enrolled or, if the child is not enrolled in an elementary [~~a~~
19 ~~primary~~] or secondary school, the public school district in which
20 the child primarily resides.

21 SECTION 4. Section 261.105(d), Family Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (d) If the department initiates an investigation and
24 determines that the abuse or neglect does not involve a person
25 responsible for the child's care, custody, or welfare, the
26 department shall refer the report to a law enforcement agency for
27 further investigation. If the department determines that the abuse

1 or neglect involves an employee of a public elementary [~~primary~~] or
2 secondary school, and that the child is a student at the school, the
3 department shall orally notify the superintendent of the school
4 district in which the employee is employed about the investigation.

5 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act are
6 nonsubstantive and intended to conform references to "school" in
7 the Family Code to usage in other law.

8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.