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H.B. No. 705

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of an attorney general liaison for each regional office of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 402.040 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.040. CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LIAISON. For each regional office of the Department of Family and Protective Services that provides child protective services, the attorney general shall appoint an employee to serve as a liaison to the department for that regional office. The liaison shall:

(1) serve as a point of contact for the attorney general's office to increase communication between the regional office and the attorney general's office;

(2) provide assistance to the regional office in locating absent parents of children in the managing conservatorship of the department; and

(3) provide to the regional office information in the attorney general's child support database that will enable the regional office to locate absent parents of children in the managing conservatorship of the department.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.