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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to possession of and access to a child.

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

4 SECTION 1. The title Section 153.258 and Section 153.258(a)  
5 Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 153.258 REQUEST FOR FINDINGS WHEN ORDER VARIES FROM  
7 STANDARD POSSESSION ORDER. (a) In all cases in which possession of  
8 a child by a parent is contested and the possession of the child  
9 varies from the standard possession order, including a possession  
10 order for a child under three years of age, on request by a party,  
11 the court shall state in writing the specific reasons for the  
12 variance from the standard possession order.

13 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a  
14 suit that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. Any  
15 suit filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
16 law in effect on the date the suit is filed, and the former law is  
17 continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.