

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, in a suit in which adoption is requested or possession of or access to the child is an issue and in which the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is not a party to the suit, a court is required to appoint a private agency or person to conduct a social study of the child and of the home of any person requesting possession of the child. As proposed, H.B. 1137 adds a domestic relations office as an agency that is authorized to be appointed by a court to conduct such a social study.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 107.051(c), Family Code, to require the court, in a suit in which adoption is requested or possession of or access to the child is an issue and in which the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is not a party, to appoint a private agency or another person, including a domestic relations office, to conduct the social study.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.