

## Chapter 356

H.B. No. 2124

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the procedures for identifying and notifying relevant  
3 federal agencies about certain child abuse and neglect  
4 investigations.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 261.301, Family Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

8 (j) In an investigation of a report of abuse or neglect  
9 allegedly committed by a person responsible for a child's care,  
10 custody, or welfare, the department shall determine whether the  
11 person is an active duty member of the United States armed forces or  
12 the spouse of a member on active duty. If the department determines  
13 the person is an active duty member of the United States armed  
14 forces or the spouse of a member on active duty, the department  
15 shall notify the United States Department of Defense Family  
16 Advocacy Program at the closest active duty military installation  
17 of the investigation.

18 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
19 261.301, Family Code, apply only to a report of abuse or neglect  
20 made on or after the effective date of this Act. A report made  
21 before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the  
22 report was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
23 purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

*Don Pat*  
President of the Senate

*Joe Straus*  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2124 was passed by the House on April 13, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 4, 3 present, not voting.

*Robert Haney*  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2124 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

*Patsy Saw*  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 5-31-2017  
Date

*Greg Abbott*  
Governor

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Secretary of State

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 8, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2124** by Minjarez (Relating to the procedures for identifying and notifying relevant federal agencies about certain child abuse and neglect investigations.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the procedures for identifying and notifying relevant federal agencies about certain child abuse and neglect investigations. Based on information provided by the Department of Family and Protective Services, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

**LBB Staff:** UP, KCA, EP, JLi

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 28, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2124** by Minjarez (Relating to the procedures for identifying and notifying relevant federal agencies about certain child abuse and neglect investigations.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**March 23, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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