

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1377  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, if a court finds that the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (department) has been the temporary or sole managing conservator of the child for the six months preceding the filing of the petition, then the court may terminate the parent-child relationship. H.B. 1377 provides that the court may terminate the parent-child relationship if the department has been temporary or sole managing conservator for six months, rather than the six months preceding the filing of the petition.

### **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 161.003(a), Family Code, to authorize a court to order termination of the parent-child relationship in a suit filed by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services under certain conditions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.