

CHAPTER 810

S.B. No. 660

An Act relating to a statement or testimony of a child in certain proceedings under Title 3, Family Code; amending Subsection (a), Section 11.21, Family Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 11.21, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) This section applies only to a proceeding affecting the parent-child relationship, including but not limited to a proceeding under Title 2 or 4 of this code, *and to a proceeding under Title 3 of this code*, in which a child 12 years of age or younger is alleged to have been abused, and applies only to the statement or testimony of that child.”

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on May 9, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House, with amendment, on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 1, one present not voting.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: Immediately