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H.B. No. 2322

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information provided to a survivor of sexual assault at a health care facility that is not a SAFE-ready facility.

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

SECTION 1. Section 323.0051(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall develop a standard information form for sexual assault survivors who arrive at a health care facility that is not a SAFE-ready facility. The information form must include:

(1) information regarding the benefits of a forensic medical examination conducted by a sexual assault forensic examiner;

(2) the Internet website address to the commission's list of SAFE-ready facilities that includes the facilities' physical addresses as required by Section 323.008;

(3) the following statements:

(A) "As a survivor of sexual assault, you have the right to receive a forensic medical examination at this hospital emergency room if you are requesting the examination not later than 120 hours after the assault."; and

~~(B) ["A report to law enforcement is not required, but if you make a report, law enforcement must first authorize the examination."], and~~

1 [~~C~~] "Call 1-800-656-HOPE to be connected to a
2 rape crisis center for free and confidential assistance."; and

3 (4) information on the procedure for submitting a
4 complaint against the health care facility.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.