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H.B. No. 2898

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of preventable death of a child.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.501(8), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(8) "Preventable death" means a death that may have been prevented by reasonable medical, social, legal, psychological, or educational intervention. The term includes the death of a child from:

(A) intentional or unintentional injuries;

(B) medical neglect;

(C) lack of access to medical care;

(D) neglect and reckless conduct, including failure to supervise and failure to seek medical care; ~~and~~

(E) premature birth associated with any factor described by Paragraphs (A) through (D); and

(F) suicide.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.