By: Thimesch H.B. No. 3329

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3329:

By: Klick C.S.H.B. No. 3329

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the investigation or determination of abuse or neglect
- 3 of a child, elderly person, or person with a disability and the
- 4 provision of certain services.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is
- 7 amended by adding Section 262.016 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 262.016. TEMPORARY HOSPITALIZATION OF CHILD. For
- 9 purposes of determining whether there is an immediate danger to the
- 10 physical health or safety of a child, the child's temporary
- 11 hospitalization does not mitigate the danger to the child who is
- 12 otherwise in danger of abuse or neglect.
- SECTION 2. Section 48.151, Human Resources Code, is amended
- 14 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:
- 15 (f) The department may not refuse to conduct or delay an
- 16 investigation or refuse to provide or delay the provision of
- 17 protective services authorized by this chapter based solely on the
- 18 fact that the elderly person or person with a disability is
- 19 <u>temporarily hospitalized.</u>
- 20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.