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S.B. No. 2134

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of telemedicine and telehealth services in the juvenile justice system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 244.001, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The department may not use telemedicine or mental health telemedicine or telehealth services for any purpose under this section.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 244, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 244.0095 to read as follows:

Sec. 244.0095. CERTAIN MEDICAL CARE SERVICES REQUIRED. In providing medical care, the department shall contract for telemedicine services to be available when a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant is not present at the facility where the services are to be provided.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.