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H.B. No. 3854

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of child abuse or neglect.

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

SECTION 1. Section 261.103, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (d) to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this section [~~Subsections (b) and (c)~~] and Section 261.405, a report shall be made to:

(1) any local or state law enforcement agency; and

(2) the department.

(a-1) If the alleged abuse or neglect occurred in a facility operated, licensed, certified, or registered by a state agency, a report may be made to [~~or~~

(3)] the state agency that operates, licenses, certifies, or registers the facility in which the alleged abuse or neglect occurred in addition to the entities listed under Subsection (a).

(d) A report must be made to the Texas Education Agency in addition to the entities listed under Subsection (a) if the report is based on alleged or suspected abuse or neglect that occurred at a public school.

SECTION 2. Section 261.103(c), Family Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.