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S.B. No. 118

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing child fatality review teams.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 264.505(a) and (b), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioners court of each county shall appoint a [A] multidisciplinary and multiagency child fatality review team [may be established] for the [a] county to review child deaths in that county. The commissioners court of [A review team for] a county with a population of less than 50,000 may join with an adjacent county or counties to establish a combined review team.

(b) Any person who is appointed to a child fatality [may be a member of a] review team [under Subsection (c)] may [initiate the establishment of a review team and] call the first organizational meeting of the team.

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2003, the commissioners court for a county that does not have a child fatality review team shall appoint a child fatality review team for the county.

(c) The change in law made by this Act does not affect a child fatality review team that exists on the effective date of this Act.