

Amend CSSB 6 as follows:

(1) In Section 1.09 of the bill, strike the recital to that section and substitute "Sections 261.001(2) and (4), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:"

(2) On page 7, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(4) "Neglect" includes:

(A) the leaving of a child in a situation where the child would be exposed to a substantial risk of physical or mental harm, without arranging for necessary care for the child, and the demonstration of an intent not to return by a parent, guardian, or managing or possessory conservator of the child;

(B) the following acts or omissions by a person:

(i) placing a child in or failing to remove a child from a situation that a reasonable person would realize requires judgment or actions beyond the child's level of maturity, physical condition, or mental abilities and that results in bodily injury or a substantial risk of immediate harm to the child;

(ii) failing to seek, obtain, or follow through with medical care for a child, with the failure resulting in or presenting a substantial risk of death, disfigurement, or bodily injury or with the failure resulting in an observable and material impairment to the growth, development, or functioning of the child;

(iii) the failure to provide a child with food, clothing, or shelter necessary to sustain the life or health of the child, excluding failure caused primarily by financial inability unless relief services had been offered and refused; ~~or~~

(iv) placing a child in or failing to remove the child from a situation in which the child would be exposed to a substantial risk of sexual conduct harmful to the child; or

(v) placing a child in or failing to remove the child from a situation in which the child would be exposed to acts or omissions that constitute abuse under Subdivision (1)(E), (F), (G), (H), or (K) committed against another child; or

(C) the failure by the person responsible for a child's care, custody, or welfare to permit the child to return to

the child's home without arranging for the necessary care for the child after the child has been absent from the home for any reason, including having been in residential placement or having run away.

(3) In Article 1 of the bill, insert the following appropriately numbered sections and renumber the sections in that article accordingly:

SECTION _____. The heading to Section 261.105, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 261.105. REFERRAL OF REPORT BY DEPARTMENT, ~~[OR]~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

SECTION _____. Section 261.105(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) All reports received by a local or state law enforcement agency or the office of the attorney general that allege abuse or neglect by a person responsible for a child's care, custody, or welfare shall be referred immediately to the department or the designated agency.

SECTION _____. Section 21.01, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

(4) "Spouse" means a person to whom a person is legally married under Subtitle A, Title 1, Family Code, or a comparable law of another jurisdiction.