

1-1 By: Uresti, Chavez, Branch (Senate Sponsor-Nelson) H.B. No. 801
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 6, 2005;
1-3 April 7, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; April 27, 2005, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 27, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to training for Department of Family and Protective
1-9 Services personnel receiving reports of child abuse and neglect.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 261, Family Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 261.3016 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 261.3016. TRAINING OF PERSONNEL RECEIVING REPORTS OF
1-14 ABUSE AND NEGLECT. The department shall develop, in cooperation
1-15 with local law enforcement officials and the Commission on State
1-16 Emergency Communications, a training program for department
1-17 personnel who receive reports of abuse and neglect. The training
1-18 program must include information on:

1-19 (1) the proper methods of screening reports of abuse
1-20 and neglect; and

1-21 (2) ways to determine the seriousness of a report,
1-22 including determining whether a report alleges circumstances that
1-23 could result in the death of or serious harm to a child or whether
1-24 the report is less serious in nature.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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