

By: Brown of Kaufman

H.B. No. 2780

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority to consent to the administration of
3 psychotropic drugs to certain foster children.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 266.004(i), Family Code, as added by
6 Chapter 268, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (i) The person authorized under Subsection (b) to consent to
9 medical care of a foster child:

10 (1) shall participate in each appointment of the child
11 with the provider of the medical care; and

12 (2) may not, unless the person is the child's parent,
13 consent to the administration of a psychotropic drug to the child if
14 the child is younger than five years old.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.