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H.B. No. 3531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of certain prescription medications to a foster child.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 226, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 266.0042 to read as follows:

Sec. 266.0042. PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) Except in the case of an emergency, a foster child may not be prescribed more than four prescription medications to be taken concurrently unless the decision to prescribe the medications is reviewed and approved by an independent physician provided by the managed care organization providing health care services to the child under the STAR Health program.

(b) The department shall maintain a record of all medications prescribed for a child in the conservatorship of the department. The record must include, for each medication, the name of the medication, the dosage amount, and the frequency with which the child is to receive the medication.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.