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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend S.B. No. 206 on third reading by adding the following
2 appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering
3 subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ Chapter 49, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
5 amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

6 SUBCHAPTER D. PARENTAL RIGHT TO VIEW DECEASED CHILD

7 Art. 49.51. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

8 (1) "Child" means a person younger than 18 years of
9 age.

10 (2) "Parent" has the meaning assigned by Section
11 160.102(11), Family Code.

12 Art. 49.52. PARENTAL RIGHT TO VIEW DECEASED CHILD. (a)
13 Except as provided by Subsection (b), a parent of a deceased child
14 whose death occurred at a hospital or other institution is entitled
15 to view the child's body, if practicable, before the body is
16 examined by a justice of the peace or the medical examiner, as
17 applicable, for the county in which the death occurred.

18 (b) A parent of a deceased child whose death did not occur at
19 a hospital or other institution may not view or otherwise have
20 contact with the child's body after a justice of the peace or
21 medical examiner described by Subsection (a) assumes control over
22 the body under Subchapter A or B, as applicable, unless the parent
23 first obtains the consent of the justice of the peace or medical
24 examiner or a person acting on behalf of the justice of the peace or
25 medical examiner.

26 (c) A viewing under Subsection (b) must be supervised by a
27 physician, registered nurse, or licensed vocational nurse or by the
28 justice of the peace or the medical examiner or a person acting on
29 behalf of the justice of the peace or medical examiner.

1 (d) A person may not remove a medical device from the
2 child's body or otherwise alter the condition of the body for
3 purposes of conducting a viewing under this article unless the
4 person first obtains the consent of the justice of the peace or
5 medical examiner or a person acting on behalf of the justice of the
6 peace or medical examiner.