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H.B. No. 1852

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1852:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to certain assessments for children in the conservatorship  
3 of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 266, Family Code, is amended by adding  
6 Section 266.012 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 266.012. COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS. (a) Not later  
8 than the 45th day after the date a child enters the conservatorship  
9 of the department, the child shall receive a developmentally  
10 appropriate comprehensive assessment. The assessment must include:

11 (1) a screening for trauma; and

12 (2) interviews with individuals who have knowledge of  
13 the child's needs.

14 (b) The department shall develop guidelines regarding the  
15 contents of an assessment report.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.