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(Naishtat)

S.B. No. 125

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(1) a screening for trauma; and

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

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

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