

By: González of El Paso

H.B. No. 576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to medical examinations for certain children taken into
3 possession by the Department of Family and Protective Services or
4 another governmental entity.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 264.1076 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 264.1076. MEDICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED. (a) This
9 section applies only to a child who has been taken into possession
10 by the department or another governmental entity and remains in the
11 custody of the department or entity for more than 30 days.

12 (b) The department shall ensure that each child described by
13 Subsection (a) is examined by a physician not later than the 30th
14 day after the date the child is removed from the child's home.

15 SECTION 2. Section 264.1076, Family Code, as added by this
16 Act, applies only to a child who is taken into possession by the
17 Department of Family and Protective Services or another
18 governmental entity on or after the effective date of this Act. A
19 child taken into possession by the Department of Family and
20 Protective Services or another governmental entity before the
21 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
22 date the child was taken into possession, and the former law is
23 continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.