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H.B. No. 693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to medical and psychological assessments and services for
3 children in the managing conservatorship of the Department of
4 Family and Protective Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 266, Family Code, is amended by adding
7 Section 266.0031 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 266.0031. INITIAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
9 ASSESSMENT; SCHEDULING OF SERVICES. (a) The department shall
10 conduct an initial medical and psychological assessment of a child
11 not later than the seventh day after the date the child enters the
12 managing conservatorship of the department, or not later than the
13 third day after the date the child enters the managing
14 conservatorship of the department if the child was removed from the
15 child's home because of an immediate risk of abuse or neglect that
16 could have resulted in the death of or serious harm to the child.

17 (b) Following the initial assessments of a child under
18 Subsection (a), the department may, without court approval,
19 schedule for the child any preventive treatments, acute medical
20 services, or therapeutic and rehabilitative care to meet the
21 child's mental and physical needs. In scheduling treatments,
22 services, or care under this subsection, the department shall
23 adhere to the medical services delivery model developed under
24 Section 266.003.

1 SECTION 2. Section 266.0031, Family Code, as added by this
2 Act, applies only to a child who enters the conservatorship of the
3 Department of Family and Protective Services on or after the
4 effective date of this Act. A child who enters the conservatorship
5 of the Department of Family and Protective Services before the
6 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
7 date the child entered foster care, and the former law is continued
8 in effect for that purpose.

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