

1-1 By: Burkett, Bonnen of Galveston H.B. No. 2848
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Perry)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2017;
 1-4 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-5 Human Services; May 18, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-7 May 18, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2848 By: Perry

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to consultations with contracted physician networks and
 1-23 physician systems during certain investigations of child abuse and
 1-24 neglect.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 261, Family Code, is
 1-27 amended by adding Section 261.3017 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 261.3017. CONSULTATION WITH PHYSICIAN NETWORKS AND
 1-29 SYSTEMS REGARDING CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS. (a) In this
 1-30 section:

1-31 (1) "Network" means the Forensic Assessment Center
 1-32 Network.

1-33 (2) "System" means the entities that receive grants
 1-34 under the Texas Medical Child Abuse Resources and Education System
 1-35 (MEDCARES) authorized by Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code.

1-36 (b) Any agreement between the department and the network or
 1-37 between the Department of State Health Services and the system to
 1-38 provide assistance in connection with abuse and neglect
 1-39 investigations conducted by the department must require the network
 1-40 and the system to have the ability to obtain consultations with
 1-41 physicians, including radiologists, geneticists, and
 1-42 endocrinologists, who specialize in identifying unique health
 1-43 conditions, including:

- 1-44 (1) rickets;
- 1-45 (2) Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome;
- 1-46 (3) osteogenesis imperfecta;
- 1-47 (4) vitamin D deficiency; and
- 1-48 (5) other similar metabolic bone diseases or
 1-49 connective tissue disorders.

1-50 (c) If, during an abuse or neglect investigation or an
 1-51 assessment provided under Subsection (b), the department or a
 1-52 physician in the network determines that a child requires a
 1-53 specialty consultation with a physician, the department or the
 1-54 physician shall refer the child's case to the system for the
 1-55 consultation, if the system has available capacity to take the
 1-56 child's case.

1-57 (d) In providing assessments to the department as provided
 1-58 by Subsection (b), the network and the system must use a blind peer
 1-59 review process to resolve cases where physicians in the network or
 1-60 system disagree in the assessment of the causes of a child's

2-1 injuries or in the presence of a condition listed under Subsection
2-2 (b).

2-3 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2-4 an agreement entered into or renewed on or after the effective date
2-5 of this Act.

2-6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect only if a specific
2-7 appropriation for the implementation of the Act is provided in a
2-8 general appropriations act of the 85th Legislature. If the
2-9 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for the purpose
2-10 of implementing this Act, this Act has no effect.

2-11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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