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H.B. No. 3093

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the provision of family preservation services by the
3 Department of Family and Protective Services to certain high-risk
4 families.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 264.2012 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 264.2012. FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES. In the five
9 areas of the state that have the highest number of high-risk
10 families determined by zip code, the department shall implement an
11 evidence-based program that provides frequent in-home visits with
12 families who have a history of child abuse or neglect or who display
13 risk factors for child abuse or neglect with the goal of improving
14 family preservation and family reunification. The program must
15 contain guidelines for the frequency of monthly contact by the
16 department with the family, based on the risk factors for child
17 abuse and neglect in each case.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.