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H.B. No. 4184

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to investigating an allegation of exploitation involving an elderly person or person with a disability.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 48, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 48.1512 to read as follows:

Sec. 48.1512. ACTION ON CERTAIN REPORTS. Notwithstanding any requirement that an act or process must be engaged in by an individual who has an ongoing relationship with the elderly person or person with a disability who is the subject of that act or process in order for the act or process to constitute exploitation, the department or a state agency, including a protective services division of a state agency, that receives a report of an allegation of exploitation involving an individual who does not have an ongoing relationship with the elderly person or person with a disability who is the subject of the report may initiate an investigation in accordance with this subchapter and, if applicable:

(1) send a written report of the investigation to the entities described by Section 48.102 in the manner provided by that section;

(2) notify the agencies described by Section 48.103 in the manner provided by that section; and

(3) notify the appropriate law enforcement agency and

1 the commission's office of inspector general under Section 48.1522.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.