

1-1 By: Huffman, Nelson S.B. No. 1806
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 23, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
1-4 April 18, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 18, 2017,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Schwertner</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Uresti</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Buckingham</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Burton</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Kolkhorst</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Miles</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Perry</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Taylor of Collin</u>	X		
1-17	<u>Watson</u>	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1806 By: Uresti

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to requiring the use of multidisciplinary teams appointed
1-22 by children's advocacy centers in certain child abuse
1-23 investigations.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
1-26 amended by adding Section 264.4061 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 264.4061. MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM RESPONSE REQUIRED.

1-28 (a) The department shall refer a case to a center and the center
1-29 shall initiate a response by a center's multidisciplinary team
1-30 appointed under Section 264.406 when conducting an investigation
1-31 of:

1-32 (1) a report of abuse that is made by a professional as
1-33 defined by Section 261.101 and that:

1-34 (A) alleges sexual abuse of a child; or

1-35 (B) is a type of case handled by the center in
1-36 accordance with the working protocol adopted for the center under
1-37 Section 264.411(a)(9); or

1-38 (2) a child fatality in which there are surviving
1-39 children in the deceased child's household or under the supervision
1-40 of the caregiver involved in the child fatality.

1-41 (b) Any interview of a child conducted as part of the
1-42 investigation under Subsection (a) must be a forensic interview
1-43 conducted in accordance with the center's working protocol unless a
1-44 forensic interview is not appropriate based on the child's age and
1-45 development or the center's working protocol.

1-46 (c) Subsection (a) applies only to an investigation of abuse
1-47 in a county served by a center that has executed an interagency
1-48 memorandum of understanding under Section 264.403. If a county is
1-49 not served by a center that has executed an interagency memorandum
1-50 of understanding, the department may directly refer a case to a
1-51 center in an adjacent county to initiate a response by that center's
1-52 multidisciplinary team, if appropriate.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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