By:  Hull H.B. No. 44

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to medical examinations for certain children entering the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 264.1076, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(b-1)  Only children described by Subsections (b)(1) and (2) may receive an initial medical examination under Subsection (b).

(i)  Not later than December 31, 2022 [~~2019~~], the department shall submit a report to the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate with primary jurisdiction over child protective services and foster care evaluating the statewide implementation of the medical examination required by this section. The report must include for each region of the state:

(1)  the level of compliance with the requirements of this section; and

(2)  the number of medical examinations conducted under Subsection (b) and the reason for each medical examination [~~in each region of the state~~].

SECTION 2.  Section 264.1076(b-1), Family Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a child who enters the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services on or after the effective date of this Act. A child who enters the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the child entered the conservatorship of the department, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.