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H.B. No. 44

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to medical examinations for certain children entering the
3 conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective
4 Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. Section 264.1076(b-1), Family Code, as added by
23 this Act, applies only to a child who enters the conservatorship of
24 the Department of Family and Protective Services on or after the

1 effective date of this Act. A child who enters the conservatorship
2 of the Department of Family and Protective Services before the
3 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
4 date the child entered the conservatorship of the department, and
5 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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