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H.B. No. 1009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting the serious bodily injury of a child;
providing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 261.101, Family Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A person shall immediately make a report as provided
by this subchapter if the person knows that:

(1) a child suffered a serious bodily injury, as
defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code; and

(2) the serious bodily injury was caused by abuse or
neglect.

SECTION 2. Section 261.109, Family Code, is amended by
adding Subsections (a-2) and (b-1) to read as follows:

(a-2) A person commits an offense if the person is required
to make a report under Section 261.101(a-1) and knowingly fails to
make a report as provided in this chapter.

(b-1) An offense under Subsection (a-2) is a state jail
felony unless it is shown on the trial of the offense that the child
was younger than seven years of age and died as a result of the
serious bodily injury, in which event the offense is a third degree
felony.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.