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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of preventable death of a child.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 264.501(8), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(8)  "Preventable death" means a death that may have been prevented by reasonable medical, social, legal, psychological, or educational intervention. The term includes the death of a child from:

(A)  intentional or unintentional injuries;

(B)  medical neglect;

(C)  lack of access to medical care;

(D)  neglect and reckless conduct, including failure to supervise and failure to seek medical care; [~~and~~]

(E)  premature birth associated with any factor described by Paragraphs (A) through (D); and

(F)  suicide.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.