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H.B. No. 3329

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the investigation or determination of abuse or neglect
3 of a child, elderly person, or person with a disability and the
4 provision of certain services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 262.016 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 262.016. TEMPORARY HOSPITALIZATION OF CHILD. For
9 purposes of determining whether there is an immediate danger to the
10 physical health or safety of a child, the child's temporary
11 hospitalization does not mitigate the danger to the child who is
12 otherwise in danger of abuse or neglect.

13 SECTION 2. Section 48.151, Human Resources Code, is amended
14 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

15 (f) The department may not refuse to conduct or delay an
16 investigation or refuse to provide or delay the provision of
17 protective services authorized by this chapter based solely on the
18 fact that the elderly person or person with a disability is
19 temporarily hospitalized.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.