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H.B. No. 220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the care provided to sexual assault survivors by health care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 323.004, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) A health care facility providing care to a sexual assault survivor shall provide the survivor with:

(1) subject to Subsection (b-1), a forensic medical examination in accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter 420, Government Code, and Subchapter G, Chapter 56A, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) a private area, if available, to wait or speak with the appropriate medical, legal, or sexual assault crisis center staff or volunteer until a physician, nurse, or physician assistant is able to treat the survivor;

(3) access to a sexual assault program advocate, if available, as provided by Subchapter H, Chapter 56A, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(4) the information form required by Section 323.005;

(5) a private treatment room, if available;

(6) if indicated by the history of contact, access to appropriate prophylaxis for exposure to sexually transmitted

1 infections;

2 (7) the name and telephone number of the nearest  
3 sexual assault crisis center; ~~and~~

4 (8) if the health care facility has shower facilities,  
5 access to a shower at no cost to the survivor after the examination  
6 described by Subdivision (1); and

7 (9) if the survivor consents and the treatment is  
8 clinically indicated, an emergency contraceptive approved by the  
9 United States Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy by  
10 delaying ovulation.

11 (b-2) A health care facility providing care to a sexual  
12 assault survivor may not provide or offer to provide the survivor  
13 with a drug or device that terminates a pregnancy.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.