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H.B. No. 220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the minimum standards of 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(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended 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 infections;

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

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

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

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