

AN ACT

relating to a screening for the risk of commercial sexual exploitation of certain children.

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

SECTION 1. Section 266.012(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than the 45th day after the date a child enters the conservatorship of the department, the child shall receive:

(1) a developmentally appropriate comprehensive assessment that includes [~~The assessment must include~~]:

(A) [(1)] a screening for trauma; and

(B) [(2)] interviews with individuals who have knowledge of the child's needs; and

(2) a screening for risk of commercial sexual exploitation using a validated, evidenced-informed tool selected by the Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit established under Section 772.0062, Government Code, if:

(A) validation guidelines based on the child's age indicate the screening is appropriate; or

(B) concerns of commercial sexual exploitation exist.

SECTION 2. Section 221.003(b), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A juvenile probation department must, before the

1 disposition of a child's case and using a validated risk and needs
2 assessment instrument or process provided or approved by the
3 department, complete a risk and needs assessment for each child
4 under the jurisdiction of the juvenile probation department. The
5 risk and needs assessment must include a screening for risk of
6 commercial sexual exploitation using a validated,
7 evidence-informed tool selected by the Child Sex Trafficking
8 Prevention Unit established under Section [772.0062](#), Government
9 Code.

10 SECTION 3. The Department of Family and Protective Services
11 is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
12 legislature appropriates money to the department specifically for
13 that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money
14 specifically for that purpose, the department may, but is not
15 required to, implement a provision of this Act using other money
16 available for that purpose.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 451 was passed by the House on April 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 451 on May 19, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 451 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 12, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor