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H.B. No. 451

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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 a developmentally appropriate comprehensive assessment. The assessment must include:

(1) a screening for trauma; ~~and~~

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

(3) interviews with individuals who have knowledge of the child's needs.

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

(b) A juvenile probation department must, before the disposition of a child's case and using a validated risk and needs assessment instrument or process provided or approved by the department, complete a risk and needs assessment for each child under the jurisdiction of the juvenile probation department. The

1 risk and needs assessment must include a screening for risk of  
2 commercial sexual exploitation using a screening tool selected by  
3 the Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit established under Section  
4 [772.0062](#), Government Code.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.