

1-1 By: Thompson, et al. H.B. No. 451  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Paxton, et al.)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2025;  
1-4 April 23, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-5 & Human Services; May 7, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-7 May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Kolkhorst	X			
1-11	Perry	X			
1-12	Blanco	X			
1-13	Cook	X			
1-14	Hall	X			
1-15	Hancock	X			
1-16	Hughes	X			
1-17	Miles	X			
1-18	Sparks	X			

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 451 By: Perry

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to a screening for the risk of commercial sexual  
1-23 exploitation of certain children.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 266.012(a), Family Code, is amended to  
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (a) Not later than the 45th day after the date a child enters  
1-28 the conservatorship of the department, the child shall receive:

1-29 (1) a developmentally appropriate comprehensive  
1-30 assessment that includes [The assessment must include]:

1-31 (A) ~~[(1)]~~ a screening for trauma; and

1-32 (B) ~~[(2)]~~ interviews with individuals who have  
1-33 knowledge of the child's needs; and

1-34 (2) a screening for risk of commercial sexual  
1-35 exploitation using a validated, evidenced-informed tool selected  
1-36 by the Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit established under  
1-37 Section 772.0062, Government Code, if:

1-38 (A) validation guidelines based on the child's  
1-39 age indicate the screening is appropriate; or

1-40 (B) concerns of commercial sexual exploitation  
1-41 exist.

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 221.003(b), Human Resources Code, is  
1-43 amended to read as follows:

1-44 (b) A juvenile probation department must, before the  
1-45 disposition of a child's case and using a validated risk and needs  
1-46 assessment instrument or process provided or approved by the  
1-47 department, complete a risk and needs assessment for each child  
1-48 under the jurisdiction of the juvenile probation department. The  
1-49 risk and needs assessment must include a screening for risk of  
1-50 commercial sexual exploitation using a validated,  
1-51 evidence-informed tool selected by the Child Sex Trafficking  
1-52 Prevention Unit established under Section 772.0062, Government  
1-53 Code.

1-54 SECTION 3. The Department of Family and Protective Services  
1-55 and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department are required to implement  
1-56 a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money  
1-57 to the respective department specifically for that purpose. If the  
1-58 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that  
1-59 purpose, the Department of Family and Protective Services and the  
1-60 Texas Juvenile Justice Department may, but are not required to,

2-1 implement a provision of this Act using other money available for  
2-2 that purpose.

2-3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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