

**House Bill 451**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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 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 risk and needs assessment must include a screening for risk of commercial sexual exploitation using a validated, evidence-informed tool selected by the Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit established under Section 772.0062, Government Code.

SENATE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE

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No equivalent provision.

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

SENATE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 3. The Department of Family and Protective Services is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money to the department specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the department may, but is not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other money available for that purpose. [FA1]

SECTION 4. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE