

Chapter 945

S.B. No. 1806

AN ACT

relating to requiring the use of multidisciplinary teams appointed by children's advocacy centers in certain child abuse investigations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.4061 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.4061. MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM RESPONSE REQUIRED.

(a) The department shall refer a case to a center and the center shall initiate a response by a center's multidisciplinary team appointed under Section 264.406 when conducting an investigation of:

(1) a report of abuse that is made by a professional as defined by Section 261.101 and that:

(A) alleges sexual abuse of a child; or

(B) is a type of case handled by the center in accordance with the working protocol adopted for the center under Section 264.411(a)(9); or

(2) a child fatality in which there are surviving children in the deceased child's household or under the supervision of the caregiver involved in the child fatality.

(b) Any interview of a child conducted as part of the investigation under Subsection (a) must be a forensic interview conducted in accordance with the center's working protocol unless a

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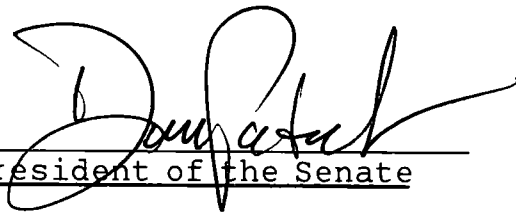
1 forensic interview is not appropriate based on the child's age and
2 development or the center's working protocol.

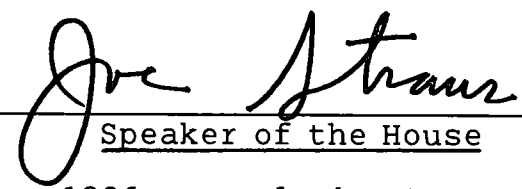
3 (c) Subsection (a) applies only to an investigation of abuse
4 in a county served by a center that has executed an interagency
5 memorandum of understanding under Section 264.403. If a county is
6 not served by a center that has executed an interagency memorandum
7 of understanding, the department may directly refer a case to a
8 center in an adjacent county to initiate a response by that center's
9 multidisciplinary team, if appropriate.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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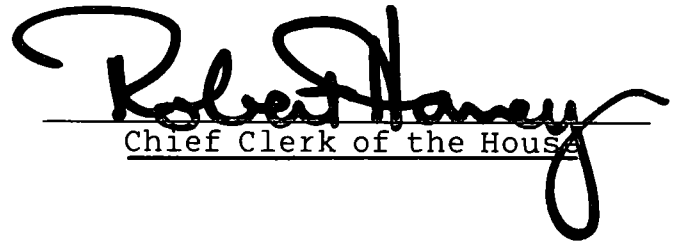

President of the Senate


Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1806 passed the Senate on April 26, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. _____


Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1806 passed the House on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting. _____

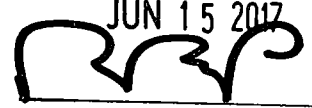

Chief Clerk of the House

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 12, 2017

TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB1806** by Huffman (Relating to requiring the use of multidisciplinary teams appointed by children's advocacy centers in certain child abuse investigations.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to requiring the use of multidisciplinary teams appointed by children's advocacy centers in certain child abuse investigations. Based on information provided by the Department of Family and Protective Services, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

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Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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