

CHAPTER 466

H.B. No. 546

AN ACT

relating to an emergency order to protect a child.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 17.02(d), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) In determining whether there is an immediate danger to the physical health or safety of a child, the court may consider whether the person who has possession of the child has:

(1) abused or neglected another child in a manner that caused serious injury to or the death of the other child; *or*

(2) *sexually abused another child.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on March 17, 1993, by a non-record vote; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 546 on May 26, 1993, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 546 on May 29, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 546 on May 29, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 9, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.