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H.B. No. 787

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to conditions of community supervision prohibiting
contact with certain persons.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 42A, Code of Criminal
Procedure, is amended by adding Article 42A.3015 to read as
follows:

Art. 42A.3015. PROHIBITING CONTACT WITH CERTAIN PERSONS. A
judge who places a defendant on community supervision may not, as a
condition of community supervision, prohibit the defendant from
contacting or interacting with a person who belongs to an
organization the membership of which includes persons who have
criminal histories, including persons currently on community
supervision or parole, and who engages in activities that the
director of the community supervision and corrections department
supervising the defendant determines, based on information
provided by the organization's designated representative or other
information, include:

(1) working with community members to address criminal
justice issues;

(2) offering training and programs to assist formerly
incarcerated persons; and

(3) advocating for criminal justice reform, including
by engaging with state and local policy makers.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
2 defendant placed on community supervision on or after the effective
3 date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the
4 defendant was placed on community supervision was committed before,
5 on, or after the effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.