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H.B. No. 1324

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to eligibility requirements to obtain a pass for expedited
3 access to the State Capitol.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [411.0625](#), Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
7 follows:

8 (b) To be eligible for a Capitol access pass, a person must
9 meet the eligibility requirements:

10 (1) applicable to a license to carry a handgun under
11 Subchapter H, other than requirements regarding evidence of handgun
12 proficiency; or

13 (2) established by the department under Subsection
14 (d).

15 (d) For a person who does not meet the eligibility
16 requirements under Subsection (b)(1) based on a disqualifying
17 criminal conviction, the department shall establish eligibility
18 requirements for a Capitol access pass that include taking into
19 account:

20 (1) the amount of time that has passed following the
21 criminal conviction; and

22 (2) evidence of good standing in the community
23 submitted with an application.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.