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H.B. No. 1710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice provided to a court regarding a defendant confined in a state jail felony facility.

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

SECTION 1. Article [42A.558](#), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-1) On request of the judge, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall, not later than the 60th day after the date the defendant is received into the custody of a state jail felony facility, notify the judge of the date on which the defendant will have served 75 days in the facility. The notice must be provided by e-mail or other electronic communication.

(b-2) For purposes of Subsection (b-1), the judge may submit a single request to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with respect to all applicable defendants sentenced in the judge's court.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Article [42A.558](#), Code of Criminal Procedure, applies only to a defendant who receives a sentence of confinement in a state jail felony facility on or after the effective date of this Act. A defendant who receives a sentence of confinement in a state jail felony facility before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time of sentencing, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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1       SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.