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S.B. No. 987

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the subject matter jurisdiction of the criminal trial courts of this state over certain criminal actions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 571.171, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) This section does not require the exhaustion of civil, including administrative, remedies as a prerequisite to the vesting in a trial court of subject matter jurisdiction over a criminal action for which the trial court would otherwise have jurisdiction under other law.

SECTION 2. This Act applies to a criminal action commenced before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.