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H.B. No. 2512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to delinquent conduct by a juvenile that violates a court order.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.03(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Delinquent conduct is:

(1) conduct, other than a traffic offense, that violates a penal law of this state or of the United States punishable by imprisonment or by confinement in jail;

(2) conduct that violates a lawful order of a ~~[municipal court or justice]~~ court under circumstances that would constitute contempt of that court;

(3) conduct that violates Section 49.04, 49.05, 49.06, 49.07, or 49.08, Penal Code; or

(4) conduct that violates Section 106.041, Alcoholic Beverage Code, relating to driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor (third or subsequent offense).

SECTION 2. Section 51.03(a), Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a person found by a court to have violated a court order on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the conduct that is the basis of the finding that the person violated a court order occurred before, on, or after that date.

1           SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

2           (b) This Act applies only to conduct that occurs on or after  
3 the effective date of this Act. Conduct violating a court order  
4 occurs on or after the effective date of this Act if any element of  
5 the conduct occurs on or after that date, without regard to whether  
6 the order was made before, on, or after that date.

7           (c) Conduct that occurs before the effective date of this  
8 Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the conduct  
9 occurred, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.