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H.B. No. 291

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to victim notification regarding the release of certain  
3 defendants following acquittal by reason of insanity.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 4(d), Article 46.03, Code of Criminal  
6 Procedure, is amended by adding Subdivision (8) to read as follows:

7 (8) Victim Notification of Release. If the court  
8 issues an order under Subdivision (4) or (5) that requires the  
9 release of an acquitted person on discharge or on a regimen of  
10 outpatient care, the clerk of the court issuing the order, using the  
11 information provided on any victim impact statement received by the  
12 court under Article 56.03 or other information made available to  
13 the court, shall make a reasonable effort to notify the victim or  
14 the victim's guardian or close relative of the release.  
15 Notwithstanding Article 56.03(f), the clerk of the court may  
16 inspect a victim impact statement for the purpose of notification  
17 under this subdivision.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.