

By: Allen of Dallas

H.B. No. 1918

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the interagency exchange of information regarding certain offenders with special needs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 614.017(c)(1), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Agency" includes any of the following entities and individuals, a person with an agency relationship with one of the following entities or individuals, and a person who contracts with one or more of the following entities or individuals:

(A) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

(B) the Board of Pardons and Paroles;

(C) the ~~[Texas]~~ Department of State ~~[Mental]~~ Health Services ~~[and Mental Retardation]~~;

(D) the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;

(E) the Texas Youth Commission;

(F) the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services ~~[Texas Rehabilitation Commission]~~;

(G) the Texas Education Agency;

(H) the Department of Family and Protective Services ~~[Criminal Justice Policy Council]~~;

(I) the ~~[Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse,~~

~~[(J) the]~~ Commission on Jail Standards;

1                    (J) [~~(K)~~] the [~~Texas~~] Department of Aging and  
2 Disability [~~Human~~] Services;

3                    (K) [~~(L)~~] ~~the Texas Department on Aging;~~  
4 [~~(M)~~] the Texas School for the Blind and Visually  
5 Impaired;

6                    (L) [~~(N)~~] ~~the Texas Department of Health;~~  
7 [~~(O)~~] ~~the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard~~  
8 ~~of Hearing;~~

9                    [~~(P)~~] community supervision and corrections  
10 departments;

11                   (M) [~~(Q)~~] personal bond pretrial release offices  
12 established under Article 17.42, Code of Criminal Procedure;

13                   (N) [~~(R)~~] local jails regulated by the  
14 Commission on Jail Standards;

15                   (O) [~~(S)~~] a municipal or county health  
16 department;

17                   (P) [~~(T)~~] a hospital district;

18                   (Q) [~~(U)~~] a judge of this state with jurisdiction  
19 over criminal cases; and

20                   (R) [~~(V)~~] an attorney who is appointed or  
21 retained to represent a special needs offender.

22                   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.