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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the civil commitment of sexually violent predators.

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

SECTION 1. Section 841.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (7-a) and amending Subdivision (8) to read as follows:

(7-a) "Sexually motivated conduct" means any conduct involving the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person immediately before, during, or immediately after the commission of an offense.

(8) "Sexually violent offense" means:

(A) an offense under Section 21.11(a)(1), 22.011, or 22.021, Penal Code;

(B) an offense under Section 20.04(a)(4), Penal Code, if the person [~~defendant~~] committed the offense with the intent to violate or abuse the victim sexually;

(C) an offense under Section 30.02, Penal Code, if the offense is punishable under Subsection (d) of that section and the person [~~defendant~~] committed the offense with the intent to commit an offense listed in Paragraph (A) or (B);

(D) an offense under Section 19.02 or 19.03, Penal Code, that, during the guilt or innocence phase or the punishment phase for the offense, during the adjudication or disposition of delinquent conduct constituting the offense, or

1 subsequently during a civil commitment proceeding under Subchapter  
2 D, is determined beyond a reasonable doubt to have been based on  
3 sexually motivated conduct;

4 (E) [~~(D)~~] an attempt, conspiracy, or  
5 solicitation, as defined by Chapter 15, Penal Code, to commit an  
6 offense listed in Paragraph (A), (B), [~~(C)~~], or (D);

7 (F) [~~(E)~~] an offense under prior state law that  
8 contains elements substantially similar to the elements of an  
9 offense listed in Paragraph (A), (B), (C), [~~(D)~~], or (E); or

10 (G) [~~(F)~~] an offense under the law of another  
11 state, federal law, or the Uniform Code of Military Justice that  
12 contains elements substantially similar to the elements of an  
13 offense listed in Paragraph (A), (B), (C), [~~(D)~~], or (E).

14 SECTION 2. Sections 841.021(a) and (b), Health and Safety  
15 Code, are amended to read as follows:

16 (a) Before the person's anticipated release date, the Texas  
17 Department of Criminal Justice shall give to the multidisciplinary  
18 team established under Section 841.022 written notice of the  
19 anticipated release of a person who:

20 (1) is serving a sentence for:

21 (A) a sexually violent offense described by  
22 Section 841.002(8)(A), (B), or (C); or

23 (B) what is, or as described by this chapter what  
24 the department reasonably believes may be determined to be, a  
25 sexually violent offense described by Section 841.002(8)(D); and

26 (2) may be a repeat sexually violent offender.

27 (b) Before the person's anticipated discharge date, the

1 Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall give  
2 to the multidisciplinary team established under Section 841.022  
3 written notice of the anticipated discharge of a person who:

4 (1) is committed to the department after having been  
5 adjudged not guilty by reason of insanity of:

6 (A) a sexually violent offense described by  
7 Section 841.002(8)(A), (B), or (C); or

8 (B) what is, or as described by this chapter what  
9 the department reasonably believes may be determined to be, a  
10 sexually violent offense described by Section 841.002(8)(D); and

11 (2) may be a repeat sexually violent offender.

12 SECTION 3. Sections 841.082(a) and (d), Health and Safety  
13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

14 (a) Before entering an order directing a person's  
15 outpatient civil commitment, the judge shall impose on the person  
16 requirements necessary to ensure the person's compliance with  
17 treatment and supervision and to protect the community. The  
18 requirements shall include:

19 (1) requiring the person to reside in a Texas  
20 residential facility under contract with the council or at another  
21 [particular] location or facility approved by the council;

22 (2) prohibiting the person's contact with a victim or  
23 potential victim of the person;

24 (3) prohibiting the person's possession or use of  
25 alcohol, inhalants, or a controlled substance;

26 (4) requiring the person's participation in and  
27 compliance with a specific course of treatment;

1 (5) requiring the person to:

2 (A) submit to tracking under a particular type of  
3 tracking service and to any other appropriate supervision; and

4 (B) refrain from tampering with, altering,  
5 modifying, obstructing, or manipulating the tracking equipment;

6 (6) prohibiting the person from changing the person's  
7 residence without prior authorization from the judge and from  
8 leaving the state without that prior authorization;

9 (7) if determined appropriate by the judge,  
10 establishing a child safety zone in the same manner as a child  
11 safety zone is established by a judge under Section 13B, Article  
12 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, and requiring the person to  
13 comply with requirements related to the safety zone;

14 (8) requiring the person to notify the case manager  
15 immediately but in any event within 24 hours of any change in the  
16 person's status that affects proper treatment and supervision,  
17 including a change in the person's physical health or job status and  
18 including any incarceration of the person; and

19 (9) any other requirements determined necessary by the  
20 judge.

21 (d) The court [~~Immediately after the case becomes final for~~  
22 ~~purposes of appeal, the judge shall transfer jurisdiction of the~~  
23 ~~case to a district court, other than a family district court, having~~  
24 ~~jurisdiction in the county in which the person is residing, except~~  
25 ~~that the judge~~] retains jurisdiction of the case with respect to a  
26 civil commitment proceeding conducted under Subchapters F and G.

27 SECTION 4. Section 841.083, Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended by amending Subsections (c) and (d) and adding Subsections  
2 (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

3 (c) The council shall enter into appropriate memoranda of  
4 understanding [~~an interagency agreement~~] with the Texas Department  
5 of Public Safety for the provision of a tracking service and for  
6 assistance in the preparation of criminal complaints, warrants, and  
7 related documents and in the apprehension and arrest of a person.

8 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c) or any other provision  
9 of this subchapter, the council shall provide through the case  
10 management system any supervision or tracking service required  
11 under this chapter for persons residing in Dallas, Harris, or  
12 Tarrant County. The council shall provide the tracking service  
13 under this subsection through two employees of the Department of  
14 State Health Services. Any tracking personnel used by the  
15 department for purposes of this chapter must be approved by the  
16 council.

17 (c-2) If the equipment necessary to implement the tracking  
18 [that] service is available through a contract entered into by the  
19 Texas Building and Procurement Commission, the Department of Public  
20 Safety or the council, as appropriate, shall acquire that equipment  
21 through that contract.

22 (d) The council shall enter into appropriate memoranda of  
23 understanding [~~an interagency agreement with the Texas Department~~  
24 ~~of Criminal Justice~~] for any necessary supervised housing. The  
25 council shall reimburse the applicable provider [~~that department~~]  
26 for housing costs under this section. The committed person may not  
27 be housed for any period of time in a mental health facility, state

1 school, or community center, unless the placement results from a  
2 commitment of the person to that facility, school, or center by  
3 governmental action. In this subsection:

4 (1) "Community center" means a center established  
5 under Subchapter A, Chapter 534.

6 (2) "Mental health facility" has the meaning assigned  
7 by Section 571.003.

8 (3) "State school" has the meaning assigned by Section  
9 531.002.

10 SECTION 5. Sections 841.145(a) and (b), Health and Safety  
11 Code, are amended to read as follows:

12 (a) At the person's own expense, a [A] person who is  
13 examined under this chapter may retain an expert to perform an  
14 examination or participate in a civil commitment proceeding on the  
15 person's behalf, including a biennial examination or other civil  
16 commitment proceeding to assess the person's status as a sexually  
17 violent predator.

18 (b) On the request of an indigent person examined under this  
19 chapter, the judge shall determine whether expert services for the  
20 person are necessary. If the judge determines that the services are  
21 necessary, the judge shall appoint an expert to perform an  
22 examination or participate in a civil commitment proceeding on the  
23 person's behalf and shall approve compensation for the expert as  
24 appropriate under Subsection (c).

25 SECTION 6. Section 841.150, Health and Safety Code, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 841.150. EFFECT OF [~~CERTAIN~~] SUBSEQUENT COMMITMENT OR

1 CONFINEMENT [~~CONVICTIONS, JUDGMENTS, OR VERDICTS~~] ON ORDER OF CIVIL  
2 COMMITMENT. (a) [~~Except as provided by Subsection (b), the~~  
3 ~~following convictions, judgments, or verdicts do not affect an~~  
4 ~~order of civil commitment under this chapter:~~

5 [~~(1) a conviction for a felony if a sentence is not~~  
6 ~~imposed;~~

7 [~~(2) a conviction for a misdemeanor, regardless of~~  
8 ~~whether a sentence is imposed; and~~

9 [~~(3) a judgment or verdict of not guilty by reason of~~  
10 ~~insanity for any offense absent a corresponding commitment to the~~  
11 ~~Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.~~

12 [~~(b)~~] The [~~statutory~~] duties imposed by this chapter are  
13 suspended for the duration of any confinement of a person, or any  
14 commitment of a person to a community center, mental health  
15 facility, or state school, by governmental action [~~who receives a~~  
16 ~~conviction described by Subsection (a)(2)].~~

17 (b) In this section:

18 (1) "Community center" means a center established  
19 under Subchapter A, Chapter 534.

20 (2) "Mental health facility" has the meaning assigned  
21 by Section 571.003.

22 (3) "State school" has the meaning assigned by Section  
23 531.002.

24 SECTION 7. The following provisions are repealed:

25 (1) Section 841.082(b), Health and Safety Code; and

26 (2) Section 841.084, Health and Safety Code.

27 SECTION 8. The change in law made by this Act applies only

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1 to an individual who on or after September 1, 2005, is serving a  
2 sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or is  
3 committed to the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental  
4 Retardation for an offense committed before, on, or after the  
5 effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.