

By: Shapleigh

S.B. No. 273

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to referring a child with mental illness to an appropriate  
3 local mental health authority before completion of probation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Family Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 55.20 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 55.20. REFERRAL OF CHILD ON PROBATION TO MENTAL HEALTH  
8 AUTHORITY. A juvenile probation officer shall refer a child who has  
9 been determined under Section 55.11 to have a mental illness to an  
10 appropriate local mental health authority at least three months  
11 before the child is to complete the child's juvenile probation  
12 term.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
14 to a child who completes the child's juvenile probation term on or  
15 after December 1, 2005. A child who completes the child's juvenile  
16 probation term before December 1, 2005, is governed by the law in  
17 effect before December 1, 2005, and the former law is continued in  
18 effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.