

Amend CSHB 963 (House Committee Printing) as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 12, between "offense" and "whenever", insert ", other than a witness who testified in the course and scope of the witness's official or professional duties,".

(2) Strike the language on page 2, line 17, through page 3, line 5, and substitute the following:

(e) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the sheriff, as appropriate:

(1) [~~7~~] shall make a reasonable attempt to give any [~~the~~] notice required by Subsection (a):

(A) [~~(1)~~] not later than the 30th day before the date the defendant [~~person~~] completes the sentence and is released; or

(B) [~~(2)~~] immediately if the defendant [~~person~~] escapes from the correctional facility; and

(2) may give any notice required by Subsection (a) by e-mail, if possible.

(f) An attempt by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the sheriff to give notice to a [~~the~~] victim or witness at the victim's or witness's last known mailing address or, if notice via e-mail is possible, last known e-mail address, as shown on the records of the department or agency, constitutes a reasonable attempt to give notice under this article.

(3) On page 3, line 6, strike "Immediately" and substitute "Not later than immediately".