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H.B. No. 295

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring a judge to explain certain matters concerning
3 conditions of community supervision before a defendant enters a
4 plea of not guilty or nolo contendere.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article 26.13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

8 (j) Before accepting a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo
9 contendere for an offense for which a defendant is eligible to be
10 placed on community supervision, including deferred adjudication
11 community supervision, the judge shall explain to the defendant:

12 (1) any condition of community supervision that may
13 apply to the defendant; and

14 (2) the possible consequences of violating a condition
15 of community supervision imposed on the defendant.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.