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H.B. No. 2289

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2289:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to discharging or releasing inmates from the Texas
3 Department of Criminal Justice at or near certain department
4 facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 493, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 493.029 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 493.029. LOCAL AND REGIONAL RELEASE AND DISCHARGE
9 PROCEDURE. (a) The department shall establish a procedure through
10 which an inmate being discharged from the department or being
11 released on parole or to mandatory supervision is discharged or
12 released, as applicable, from:

13 (1) the facility in which the inmate is serving the
14 inmate's sentence; or

15 (2) the facility designated as a regional release
16 facility under Subsection (b) that is nearest to the facility in
17 which the inmate is serving the inmate's sentence.

18 (b) The department shall designate six or more facilities
19 operated by the department as regional release facilities from
20 which an inmate being discharged from the department or being
21 released on parole or to mandatory supervision may be discharged or
22 released, as applicable, rather than being released under
23 Subsection (a)(1). If the department determines that discharging
24 or releasing an inmate under Subsection (a) is not in the best

1 interest of the inmate or would threaten the safety of the public,
2 the department may release the inmate from a regional release
3 facility designated under this subsection other than the facility
4 described by Subsection (a)(2).

5 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall
6 establish and implement the local and regional discharge and
7 release procedure required by Section 493.029, Government Code, as
8 added by this Act, as soon as possible after September 1, 2009, and
9 in no event later than September 1, 2010.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.