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H.B. No. 2787

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to liability of charitable organizations for certain negligent hiring, supervision, or retention actions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.007, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) This chapter does not limit the liability of a charitable organization organized exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, or hospital purposes for the negligent hiring, supervision, or retention of an employee, agent, or servant of the organization that results in a sexual offense being committed against a person younger than 18 years of age who receives benefits or services from the organization. For the purposes of this subsection, "sexual offense" means an offense under Chapter 21, Penal Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an action that is pending or commenced on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.