

1-1 By: Nelson, Deuell S.B. No. 710  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 6, 2009; February 25, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 April 29, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 29, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 710 By: Hinojosa

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the punishment for the offense of employment harmful to  
1-11 children.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 43.251, Penal Code, is  
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 (c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,  
1-16 unless it is shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant  
1-17 has previously been convicted of an offense under this section, in  
1-18 which event the offense is a felony of the third degree.

1-19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-20 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
1-21 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
1-22 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
1-23 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
1-24 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
1-25 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that  
1-26 date.

1-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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