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S.B. No. 1321

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(2) a facility designated as a regional release facility that is 75 or fewer miles away from the facility in which the inmate is serving the inmate's sentence.

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

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