

1-1 By: Whitmire S.B. No. 1531
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2009; March 17, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 April 28, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 28, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the definition of a playground for purposes of certain
1-9 places protected from certain criminal activities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subdivision (3), Subsection (a), Section
1-12 481.134, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (3) "Playground" means any outdoor facility that is
1-14 not on the premises of a school and that:

1-15 (A) is intended for recreation;

1-16 (B) is open to the public; and

1-17 (C) contains three or more play stations

1-18 [~~separate apparatus~~] intended for the recreation of children, such
1-19 as slides, swing sets, and teeterboards.

1-20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-21 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-22 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-23 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
1-24 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
1-25 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
1-26 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that
1-27 date.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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