

1-1 By: Jackson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 290
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;
1-3 April 28, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 23, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-6 May 23, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 290 By: Ellis

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

1-15 (c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,
1-16 except that the offense is:

1-17 (1) a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of
1-18 the offense that the defendant has been previously convicted one
1-19 time of an offense under this section; and

1-20 (2) a felony of the third degree if it is shown on the
1-21 trial of the offense that the defendant has been previously
1-22 convicted two or more times of an offense under this section.

1-23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-24 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-25 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-26 covered by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
1-27 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-28 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-29 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-30 before that date.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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