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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to discharging or releasing inmates of the Texas
- 3 Department of Criminal Justice from regional release facilities.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 493.029(b), Government Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (b) The department shall designate six or more
- 8 facilities operated by the department as regional release
- 9 facilities from which an inmate being discharged from the
- 10 department or being released on parole or to mandatory supervision
- 11 may be discharged or released, as applicable, rather than being
- 12 released under Subsection (a)(1). [If the department determines
- 13 that discharging or releasing an inmate under Subsection (a) is not
- 14 in the best interest of the inmate or would threaten the safety of
- 15 the public, the department may release the inmate from a regional
- 16 release facility designated under this subsection other than the
- 17 <u>facility described by Subsection (a)(2).</u>]
- SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.