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H.B. No. 232

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to allowing certain minors convicted of certain alcohol
3 offenses to perform community service instead of attending an
4 alcohol awareness program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 106.115, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is
7 amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) If the defendant resides in a county with a population
9 of 25,000 or less and access to an alcohol awareness program is not
10 readily available in the county or an adjacent county, the court may
11 allow the defendant to take an online alcohol awareness program if
12 the Department of State Health Services approves online courses or
13 require the defendant to perform not less than eight hours of
14 alcohol-related community service approved by the Department of
15 State Health Services under Subsection (b-2) instead of attending
16 the alcohol awareness program. Community service ordered under this
17 subsection is in addition to community service ordered under
18 Section 106.071(d).

19 (b-2) The Department of State Health Services shall create a
20 list of alcohol-related community services in each county in the
21 state to which a judge may sentence a defendant under Subsection
22 (b-1).

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.