

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 1011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the offense of online solicitation of a minor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.021, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f) An offense under Subsection (b) is a felony of the third degree, except that the offense is a felony of the second degree if the minor is younger than 14 years of age or is an individual whom the actor believes to be younger than 14 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense.

(f-1) An offense under Subsection (c) is a felony of the second degree, except that the minimum term of imprisonment for the offense is increased to five years if the actor, after soliciting the minor on the actor's own behalf, travels or attempts to travel any distance with the intent to meet the minor.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

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1 before that date.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.