

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Rodriguez) H.B. No. 2719
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2013;
1-3 May 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 17, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Carona	X		
1-11	Hinojosa	X		
1-12	Patrick	X		
1-13	Rodriguez	X		
1-14	Schwertner	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to collecting and reporting information concerning
1-18 inmates who have been in the conservatorship of a state agency
1-19 responsible for providing child protective services and concerning
1-20 inmate parole, reentry, and integration.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 501.023 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 501.023. INFORMATION CONCERNING FOSTER CARE HISTORY.

1-25 (a) The department, during the diagnostic process, shall assess
1-26 each inmate with respect to whether the inmate has at any time been
1-27 in the conservatorship of a state agency responsible for providing
1-28 child protective services.

1-29 (b) Not later than December 31 of each year, the department
1-30 shall submit a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
1-31 speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing
1-32 committee having primary jurisdiction over the department. The
1-33 report must summarize statistical information concerning the total
1-34 number of inmates who have at any time been in the conservatorship
1-35 of a state agency responsible for providing child protective
1-36 services.

1-37 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
1-38 amended by adding Section 501.103 to read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 501.103. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) Not later than December 31
1-40 of each year, the department's reentry and integration division and
1-41 parole division shall jointly prepare and submit an annual report
1-42 to:

1-43 (1) the governor;
1-44 (2) the lieutenant governor;
1-45 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives;
1-46 (4) the standing committees of the house and senate
1-47 primarily responsible for criminal justice issues and corrections
1-48 issues; and

1-49 (5) the reentry task force.

1-50 (b) The report must include the following information about
1-51 parole during the year in which the report is submitted:

1-52 (1) the number of referrals of releasees for
1-53 employment, housing, medical care, treatment for substance abuse or
1-54 mental illness, education, or other basic needs;

1-55 (2) the outcome of each referral;

1-56 (3) the identified areas in which referrals are not
1-57 possible due to unavailable resources or providers;

1-58 (4) community resources available to releasees,
1-59 including faith-based and volunteer organizations; and

1-60 (5) parole officer training.

1-61 (c) The report must include the following information about

2-1 reentry and reintegration during the year in which the report is
2-2 submitted:
2-3 (1) the outcomes of programs and services that are
2-4 available to releasees based on follow-up inquiries evaluating
2-5 clients' progress after release;
2-6 (2) the common reentry barriers identified during
2-7 releasees' individual assessments, including in areas of
2-8 employment, housing, medical care, treatment for substance abuse or
2-9 mental illness, education, or other basic needs;
2-10 (3) the common reentry benefits and services that
2-11 reentry coordinators help releasees obtain or apply for;
2-12 (4) available community resources, including
2-13 faith-based and volunteer organizations; and
2-14 (5) reentry coordinator training.
2-15 (d) The report required by Subsection (a) must be made
2-16 available to the public.
2-17 SECTION 3. The reentry and integration division and the
2-18 parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall
2-19 submit the initial report required by Section 501.103, Government
2-20 Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 31, 2014.
2-21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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