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H.B. No. 53

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.

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

ARTICLE 1. AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

SECTION 1.01. Section 51.02(2), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Child" means a person who is:

(A) 10 [~~ten~~] years of age or older and under 18 [~~17~~] years of age; or

(B) 18 [~~seventeen~~] years of age or older and under 19 [~~18~~] years of age who is alleged or found to have engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision as a result of acts committed before becoming 18 [~~17~~] years of age.

SECTION 1.02. Sections 8.07(b) and (c), Penal Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Unless the juvenile court waives jurisdiction under Section 54.02, Family Code, and certifies the individual for criminal prosecution or the juvenile court has previously waived jurisdiction under that section and certified the individual for criminal prosecution, a person may not be prosecuted for or convicted of any offense committed before reaching 18 [~~17~~] years of age except an offense described by Subsections (a)(1)-(5).

(c) No person may, in any case, be punished by death for an

1 offense committed while the person was younger than 19 [~~18~~] years.

2 SECTION 1.03. Section 12.31, Penal Code, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 Sec. 12.31. CAPITAL FELONY. (a) An individual adjudged
5 guilty of a capital felony in a case in which the state seeks the
6 death penalty shall be punished by imprisonment in the Texas
7 Department of Criminal Justice for life without parole or by
8 death. An individual adjudged guilty of a capital felony in a case
9 in which the state does not seek the death penalty shall be punished
10 by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for:

11 (1) life, if the individual committed the offense when
12 younger than 19 [~~18~~] years of age; or

13 (2) life without parole, if the individual committed
14 the offense when 19 [~~18~~] years of age or older.

15 (b) In a capital felony trial in which the state seeks the
16 death penalty, prospective jurors shall be informed that a sentence
17 of life imprisonment without parole or death is mandatory on
18 conviction of a capital felony. In a capital felony trial in which
19 the state does not seek the death penalty, prospective jurors shall
20 be informed that the state is not seeking the death penalty and
21 that:

22 (1) a sentence of life imprisonment is mandatory on
23 conviction of the capital felony, if the individual committed the
24 offense when younger than 19 [~~18~~] years of age; or

25 (2) a sentence of life imprisonment without parole is
26 mandatory on conviction of the capital felony, if the individual
27 committed the offense when 19 [~~18~~] years of age or older.

1 SECTION 1.04. The changes in law made by this article apply
2 only to an offense committed or conduct violating a penal law of
3 this state that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.
4 An offense committed or conduct that occurs before the effective
5 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
6 offense was committed or the conduct occurred, and the former law is
7 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
8 an offense was committed or conduct violating a penal law of this
9 state occurred before the effective date of this Act if any element
10 of the offense or conduct occurred before that date.

11 ARTICLE 2. OFFENSES WITH AGE AS AN ELEMENT

12 SECTION 2.01. Sections 15.031(e) and (f), Penal Code, are
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (e) An offense under this section is one category lower than
15 the solicited offense, except that an offense under this section is
16 the same category as the solicited offense if it is shown on the
17 trial of the offense that the actor:

18 (1) was at the time of the offense 18 [~~17~~] years of age
19 or older and a member of a criminal street gang, as defined by
20 Section 71.01; and

21 (2) committed the offense with the intent to:

22 (A) further the criminal activities of the
23 criminal street gang; or

24 (B) avoid detection as a member of a criminal
25 street gang.

26 (f) In this section, "minor" means an individual younger
27 than 18 [~~17~~] years of age.

1 SECTION 2.02. Section 21.02(b), Penal Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (b) A person commits an offense if:

4 (1) during a period that is 30 or more days in
5 duration, the person commits two or more acts of sexual abuse,
6 regardless of whether the acts of sexual abuse are committed
7 against one or more victims; and

8 (2) at the time of the commission of each of the acts
9 of sexual abuse, the actor is 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older and the
10 victim is a child younger than 14 years of age.

11 SECTION 2.03. Section 33.021(a)(1), Penal Code, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) "Minor" means:

14 (A) an individual who represents himself or
15 herself to be younger than 18 [~~17~~] years of age; or

16 (B) an individual whom the actor believes to be
17 younger than 18 [~~17~~] years of age.

18 SECTION 2.04. Section 33.021(b), Penal Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (b) A person who is 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older commits an
21 offense if, with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire
22 of any person, the person, over the Internet, by electronic mail or
23 text message or other electronic message service or system, or
24 through a commercial online service, intentionally:

25 (1) communicates in a sexually explicit manner with a
26 minor; or

27 (2) distributes sexually explicit material to a minor.

1 SECTION 2.05. Section 71.022(d)(1), Penal Code, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) "Child" means an individual younger than 18 [~~17~~]
4 years of age.

5 SECTION 2.06. Section 71.028(c), Penal Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the punishment
8 prescribed for an offense described by Subsection (b) is increased
9 to the punishment prescribed for the next highest category of
10 offense if the actor is 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older and it is shown
11 beyond a reasonable doubt on the trial of the offense that the actor
12 committed the offense at a location that was:

13 (1) in, on, or within 1,000 feet of any:

14 (A) real property that is owned, rented, or
15 leased by a school or school board;

16 (B) premises owned, rented, or leased by an
17 institution of higher education;

18 (C) premises of a public or private youth center;

19 or

20 (D) playground;

21 (2) in, on, or within 300 feet of any:

22 (A) shopping mall;

23 (B) movie theater;

24 (C) premises of a public swimming pool; or

25 (D) premises of a video arcade facility; or

26 (3) on a school bus.

27 SECTION 2.07. Section 729.001(a), Transportation Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (a) A person who is younger than 18 [~~17~~] years of age commits
3 an offense if the person operates a motor vehicle on a public road
4 or highway, a street or alley in a municipality, or a public beach
5 in violation of any traffic law of this state, including:

6 (1) Chapter 502, other than Section [~~502.282~~ or]
7 [502.412](#);

8 (2) Chapter 521, other than an offense under Section
9 [521.457](#);

10 (3) Subtitle C, other than an offense punishable by
11 imprisonment or by confinement in jail under Section [550.021](#),
12 [550.022](#), [550.024](#), or [550.025](#);

13 (4) Chapter 601;

14 (5) Chapter 621;

15 (6) Chapter 661; and

16 (7) Chapter 681.

17 SECTION 2.08. Section [729.002](#), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 729.002. OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE BY MINOR WITHOUT
20 LICENSE. (a) A person who is younger than 18 [~~17~~] years of age
21 commits an offense if the person operates a motor vehicle without a
22 driver's license authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle on a:

23 (1) public road or highway;

24 (2) street or alley in a municipality; or

25 (3) public beach as defined by Section [729.001](#).

26 (b) An offense under this section is punishable in the same
27 manner as if the person was 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older and

1 operated a motor vehicle without a license as described by
2 Subsection (a), except that an offense under this section is not
3 punishable by confinement or imprisonment.

4 SECTION 2.09. The changes in law made by this article apply
5 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
6 Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
7 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
8 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
9 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
10 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
11 before that date.

12 ARTICLE 3. CRIMINAL PROCEDURES

13 SECTION 3.01. Article 4.19, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Art. 4.19. TRANSFER OF PERSON CERTIFIED TO STAND TRIAL AS AN
16 ADULT. (a) Notwithstanding the order of a juvenile court to
17 detain a person under the age of 18 [~~17~~] who has been certified to
18 stand trial as an adult in a certified juvenile detention facility
19 under Section 54.02(h), Family Code, the judge of the criminal
20 court having jurisdiction over the person may order the person to be
21 transferred to an adult facility. A child who is transferred to an
22 adult facility must be detained under conditions meeting the
23 requirements of Section 51.12, Family Code.

24 (b) On the 18th [~~17th~~] birthday of a person described by
25 Subsection (a) who is detained in a certified juvenile detention
26 facility under Section 54.02(h), Family Code, the judge of the
27 criminal court having jurisdiction over the person shall order the

1 person to be transferred to an adult facility.

2 SECTION 3.02. Articles 45.0216(b) and (h), Code of Criminal
3 Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

4 (b) A person may apply to the court in which the person was
5 convicted to have the conviction expunged as provided by this
6 article on or after the person's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday if:

7 (1) the person was convicted of not more than one
8 offense described by Section 8.07(a)(4) or (5), Penal Code, while
9 the person was a child; or

10 (2) the person was convicted only once of an offense
11 under Section 43.261, Penal Code.

12 (h) Records of a person under 18 [~~17~~] years of age relating
13 to a complaint dismissed as provided by Article 45.051 or 45.052 may
14 be expunged under this article.

15 SECTION 3.03. Article 45.045(b), Code of Criminal
16 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

17 (b) A capias pro fine may not be issued for an individual
18 convicted for an offense committed before the individual's 18th
19 [~~17th~~] birthday unless:

20 (1) the individual is 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older;

21 (2) the court finds that the issuance of the capias pro
22 fine is justified after considering:

23 (A) the sophistication and maturity of the
24 individual;

25 (B) the criminal record and history of the
26 individual; and

27 (C) the reasonable likelihood of bringing about

1 the discharge of the judgment through the use of procedures and
2 services currently available to the court; and

3 (3) the court has proceeded under Article 45.050 to
4 compel the individual to discharge the judgment.

5 SECTION 3.04. Article 45.0492(a), Code of Criminal
6 Procedure, as added by Chapter 227 (H.B. 350), Acts of the 82nd
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) This article applies only to a defendant younger than 18
9 [~~17~~] years of age who is assessed a fine or costs for a Class C
10 misdemeanor occurring in a building or on the grounds of the primary
11 or secondary school at which the defendant was enrolled at the time
12 of the offense.

13 SECTION 3.05. Article 45.0492(a), Code of Criminal
14 Procedure, as added by Chapter 777 (H.B. 1964), Acts of the 82nd
15 Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

16 (a) This article applies only to a defendant younger than 18
17 [~~17~~] years of age who is assessed a fine or costs for a Class C
18 misdemeanor.

19 SECTION 3.06. Articles 45.050(d), (e), and (g), Code of
20 Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

21 (d) A justice or municipal court may hold a person in
22 contempt and impose a remedy authorized by Subsection (c)(2) if:

23 (1) the person was convicted for an offense committed
24 before the person's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday;

25 (2) the person failed to obey the order while the
26 person was 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older; and

27 (3) the failure to obey occurred under circumstances

1 that constitute contempt of court.

2 (e) A justice or municipal court may hold a person in
3 contempt and impose a remedy authorized by Subsection (c)(2) if the
4 person, while younger than 18 [~~17~~] years of age, engaged in conduct
5 in contempt of an order issued by the justice or municipal court,
6 but contempt proceedings could not be held before the person's 18th
7 [~~17th~~] birthday.

8 (g) A justice or municipal court may not refer a child who
9 violates a court order while 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older to a
10 juvenile court for delinquency proceedings for contempt of court.

11 SECTION 3.07. Article [45.057](#)(h), Code of Criminal
12 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

13 (h) A child and parent required to appear before the court
14 have an obligation to provide the court in writing with the current
15 address and residence of the child. The obligation does not end
16 when the child reaches age 18 [~~17~~]. On or before the seventh day
17 after the date the child or parent changes residence, the child or
18 parent shall notify the court of the current address in the manner
19 directed by the court. A violation of this subsection may result in
20 arrest and is a Class C misdemeanor. The obligation to provide
21 notice terminates on discharge and satisfaction of the judgment or
22 final disposition not requiring a finding of guilt.

23 SECTION 3.08. Article [45.058](#)(h), Code of Criminal
24 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

25 (h) In this article, "child" means a person who is:

26 (1) at least 10 years of age and younger than 18 [~~17~~]
27 years of age; and

1 (2) charged with or convicted of an offense that a
2 justice or municipal court has jurisdiction of under Article 4.11
3 or 4.14.

4 SECTION 3.09. Article 45.059(a), Code of Criminal
5 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

6 (a) A peace officer taking into custody a person younger
7 than 18 [~~17~~] years of age for violation of a juvenile curfew
8 ordinance of a municipality or order of the commissioners court of a
9 county shall, without unnecessary delay:

10 (1) release the person to the person's parent,
11 guardian, or custodian;

12 (2) take the person before a justice or municipal
13 court to answer the charge; or

14 (3) take the person to a place designated as a juvenile
15 curfew processing office by the head of the law enforcement agency
16 having custody of the person.

17 SECTION 3.10. Articles 45.060(a), (b), and (e), Code of
18 Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

19 (a) Except as provided by Articles 45.058 and 45.059, an
20 individual may not be taken into secured custody for offenses
21 alleged to have occurred before the individual's 18th [~~17th~~]
22 birthday.

23 (b) On or after an individual's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday, if the
24 court has used all available procedures under this chapter to
25 secure the individual's appearance to answer allegations made
26 before the individual's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday, the court may issue a
27 notice of continuing obligation to appear by personal service or by

1 mail to the last known address and residence of the individual. The
2 notice must order the individual to appear at a designated time,
3 place, and date to answer the allegations detailed in the notice.

4 (e) A notice of continuing obligation to appear issued under
5 this article must contain the following statement provided in
6 boldfaced type or capital letters:

7 "WARNING: COURT RECORDS REVEAL THAT BEFORE YOUR 18TH [~~17TH~~]
8 BIRTHDAY YOU WERE ACCUSED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND HAVE FAILED TO
9 MAKE AN APPEARANCE OR ENTER A PLEA IN THIS MATTER. AS AN ADULT, YOU
10 ARE NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE A CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO APPEAR IN THIS
11 CASE. FAILURE TO APPEAR AS REQUIRED BY THIS NOTICE MAY BE AN
12 ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND RESULT IN A WARRANT BEING ISSUED
13 FOR YOUR ARREST."

14 SECTION 3.11. Article [62.001\(6\)](#), Code of Criminal
15 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

16 (6) "Sexually violent offense" means any of the
17 following offenses committed by a person 18 [~~17~~] years of age or
18 older:

19 (A) an offense under Section [21.02](#) (Continuous
20 sexual abuse of young child or children), [21.11\(a\)\(1\)](#) (Indecency
21 with a child), [22.011](#) (Sexual assault), or [22.021](#) (Aggravated
22 sexual assault), Penal Code;

23 (B) an offense under Section [43.25](#) (Sexual
24 performance by a child), Penal Code;

25 (C) an offense under Section [20.04\(a\)\(4\)](#)
26 (Aggravated kidnapping), Penal Code, if the defendant committed the
27 offense with intent to violate or abuse the victim sexually;

1 (D) an offense under Section 30.02 (Burglary),
2 Penal Code, if the offense is punishable under Subsection (d) of
3 that section and the defendant committed the offense with intent to
4 commit a felony listed in Paragraph (A) or (C) of Subdivision (5);
5 or

6 (E) an offense under the laws of another state,
7 federal law, the laws of a foreign country, or the Uniform Code of
8 Military Justice if the offense contains elements that are
9 substantially similar to the elements of an offense listed under
10 Paragraph (A), (B), (C), or (D).

11 SECTION 3.12. Section 37.085, Education Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 37.085. ARRESTS PROHIBITED FOR CERTAIN CLASS C
14 MISDEMEANORS. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
15 warrant may not be issued for the arrest of a person for a Class C
16 misdemeanor under this code committed when the person was younger
17 than 18 [~~17~~] years of age.

18 SECTION 3.13. Section 521.453(i), Transportation Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (i) If the person ordered to perform community service under
21 Subsection (h) is younger than 18 [~~17~~] years of age, the community
22 service shall be performed as if ordered by a juvenile court under
23 Section 54.044(a), Family Code, as a condition of probation under
24 Section 54.04(d), Family Code.

25 SECTION 3.14. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of
26 this section, the changes in law made by this article apply only to
27 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An

1 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
2 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
3 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 (b) Articles 45.0216(b) and (h), Code of Criminal
5 Procedure, as amended by this article, apply only to the expunction
6 of certain records related to an offense committed on or after the
7 effective date of this Act. The expunction of certain records
8 related to an offense committed before the effective date of this
9 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was
10 committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
11 purpose.

12 (c) For purposes of this section, an offense was committed
13 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
14 occurred before that date.

15 ARTICLE 4. JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURES

16 SECTION 4.01. Section 51.041, Family Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 51.041. JURISDICTION AFTER APPEAL. (a) The court
19 retains jurisdiction over a person, without regard to the age of the
20 person, for conduct engaged in by the person before becoming 18 [~~17~~]
21 years of age if, as a result of an appeal by the person or the state
22 under Chapter 56 or by the person under Article 44.47, Code of
23 Criminal Procedure, of an order of the court, the order is reversed
24 or modified and the case remanded to the court by the appellate
25 court.

26 (b) If the respondent is at least 19 [~~18~~] years of age when
27 the order of remand from the appellate court is received by the

1 juvenile court, the juvenile court shall proceed as provided by
2 Sections 54.02(o)-(r) for the detention of a person at least 18
3 years of age in discretionary transfer proceedings. Pending
4 retrial of the adjudication or transfer proceeding, the juvenile
5 court may:

- 6 (1) order the respondent released from custody;
- 7 (2) order the respondent detained in a juvenile
8 detention facility; or
- 9 (3) set bond and order the respondent detained in a
10 county adult facility if bond is not made.

11 SECTION 4.02. Section 51.0412, Family Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 51.0412. JURISDICTION OVER INCOMPLETE PROCEEDINGS.
14 The court retains jurisdiction over a person, without regard to the
15 age of the person, who is a respondent in an adjudication
16 proceeding, a disposition proceeding, a proceeding to modify
17 disposition, a proceeding for waiver of jurisdiction and transfer
18 to criminal court under Section 54.02(a), or a motion for transfer
19 of determinate sentence probation to an appropriate district court
20 if:

21 (1) the petition or motion was filed while the
22 respondent was younger than 19 or 20 [~~18 or 19~~] years of age, as
23 applicable;

24 (2) the proceeding is not complete before the
25 respondent becomes 19 or 20 [~~18 or 19~~] years of age, as applicable;
26 and

27 (3) the court enters a finding in the proceeding that

1 the prosecuting attorney exercised due diligence in an attempt to
2 complete the proceeding before the respondent became 19 or 20 [~~18 or~~
3 ~~19~~] years of age, as applicable.

4 SECTION 4.03. Sections 51.12(f) and (h), Family Code, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (f) A child detained in a building that contains a jail,
7 lockup, or other place of secure confinement, including an alcohol
8 or other drug treatment facility, shall be separated by sight and
9 sound from adults detained in the same building. Children and
10 adults are separated by sight and sound only if they are unable to
11 see each other and conversation between them is not possible. The
12 separation must extend to all areas of the facility, including
13 sally ports and passageways, and those areas used for admission,
14 counseling, sleeping, toileting, showering, dining, recreational,
15 educational, or vocational activities, and health care. The
16 separation may be accomplished through architectural design. A
17 person who has been transferred for prosecution in criminal court
18 under Section 54.02 and is under 18 [~~17~~] years of age is considered
19 a child for the purposes of this subsection.

20 (h) This section does not apply to a person:

21 (1) who has been transferred to criminal court for
22 prosecution under Section 54.02 and is at least 18 [~~17~~] years of
23 age; or

24 (2) who is at least 18 [~~17~~] years of age and who has
25 been taken into custody after having:

26 (A) escaped from a juvenile facility operated by
27 or under contract with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department [~~Youth~~

1 ~~Commission~~]; or

2 (B) violated a condition of release under
3 supervision of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department [~~Youth~~
4 ~~Commission~~].

5 SECTION 4.04. Section 54.02(j), Family Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (j) The juvenile court may waive its exclusive original
8 jurisdiction and transfer a person to the appropriate district
9 court or criminal district court for criminal proceedings if:

10 (1) the person is 19 [~~18~~] years of age or older;

11 (2) the person was:

12 (A) 10 years of age or older and under 18 [~~17~~]
13 years of age at the time the person is alleged to have committed a
14 capital felony or an offense under Section 19.02, Penal Code;

15 (B) 14 years of age or older and under 18 [~~17~~]
16 years of age at the time the person is alleged to have committed an
17 aggravated controlled substance felony or a felony of the first
18 degree other than an offense under Section 19.02, Penal Code; or

19 (C) 15 years of age or older and under 18 [~~17~~]
20 years of age at the time the person is alleged to have committed a
21 felony of the second or third degree or a state jail felony;

22 (3) no adjudication concerning the alleged offense has
23 been made or no adjudication hearing concerning the offense has
24 been conducted;

25 (4) the juvenile court finds from a preponderance of
26 the evidence that:

27 (A) for a reason beyond the control of the state

1 it was not practicable to proceed in juvenile court before the 19th
2 [~~18th~~] birthday of the person; or

3 (B) after due diligence of the state it was not
4 practicable to proceed in juvenile court before the 19th [~~18th~~]
5 birthday of the person because:

6 (i) the state did not have probable cause to
7 proceed in juvenile court and new evidence has been found since the
8 19th [~~18th~~] birthday of the person;

9 (ii) the person could not be found; or

10 (iii) a previous transfer order was
11 reversed by an appellate court or set aside by a district court; and

12 (5) the juvenile court determines that there is
13 probable cause to believe that the child before the court committed
14 the offense alleged.

15 SECTION 4.05. Section 54.0326(b), Family Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 (b) A juvenile court may defer adjudication proceedings
18 under Section 54.03 until the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday and
19 require a child to participate in a program established under
20 Section 152.0016, Human Resources Code, if the child:

21 (1) is alleged to have engaged in delinquent conduct
22 or conduct indicating a need for supervision and may be a victim of
23 conduct that constitutes an offense under Section 20A.02, Penal
24 Code; and

25 (2) presents to the court an oral or written request to
26 participate in the program.

27 SECTION 4.06. Sections 54.04(e), (l), and (q), Family Code,

1 are amended to read as follows:

2 (e) The Texas Juvenile Justice Department [~~Youth~~
3 ~~Commission~~] shall accept a person properly committed to it by a
4 juvenile court even though the person may be 18 [~~17~~] years of age or
5 older at the time of commitment.

6 (1) Except as provided by Subsection (q), a court or jury
7 may place a child on probation under Subsection (d)(1) for any
8 period, except that probation may not continue on or after the
9 child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday. Except as provided by Subsection
10 (q), the court may, before the period of probation ends, extend the
11 probation for any period, except that the probation may not extend
12 to or after the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday.

13 (q) If a court or jury sentences a child to commitment in the
14 Texas Juvenile Justice Department or a post-adjudication secure
15 correctional facility under Subsection (d)(3) for a term of not
16 more than 10 years, the court or jury may place the child on
17 probation under Subsection (d)(1) as an alternative to making the
18 disposition under Subsection (d)(3). The court shall prescribe
19 the period of probation ordered under this subsection for a term of
20 not more than 10 years. The court may, before the sentence of
21 probation expires, extend the probationary period under Section
22 54.05, except that the sentence of probation and any extension may
23 not exceed 10 years. The court may, before the child's 20th [~~19th~~]
24 birthday, discharge the child from the sentence of probation. If a
25 sentence of probation ordered under this subsection and any
26 extension of probation ordered under Section 54.05 will continue
27 after the child's 20th [~~19th~~] birthday, the court shall discharge

1 the child from the sentence of probation on the child's 20th [~~19th~~]
2 birthday unless the court transfers the child to an appropriate
3 district court under Section 54.051.

4 SECTION 4.07. Section 54.0405(i), Family Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (i) A court that requires as a condition of probation that a
7 child attend psychological counseling under Subsection (a) may,
8 before the date the probation period ends, extend the probation for
9 any additional period necessary to complete the required counseling
10 as determined by the treatment provider, except that the probation
11 may not be extended to a date after the date of the child's 19th
12 [~~18th~~] birthday, or 20th [~~19th~~] birthday if the child is placed on
13 determinate sentence probation under Section 54.04(q).

14 SECTION 4.08. Sections 54.041(b) and (h), Family Code, are
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (b) If a child is found to have engaged in delinquent
17 conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision arising from
18 the commission of an offense in which property damage or loss or
19 personal injury occurred, the juvenile court, on notice to all
20 persons affected and on hearing, may order the child or a parent to
21 make full or partial restitution to the victim of the offense. The
22 program of restitution must promote the rehabilitation of the
23 child, be appropriate to the age and physical, emotional, and
24 mental abilities of the child, and not conflict with the child's
25 schooling. When practicable and subject to court supervision, the
26 court may approve a restitution program based on a settlement
27 between the child and the victim of the offense. An order under

1 this subsection may provide for periodic payments by the child or a
2 parent of the child for the period specified in the order but except
3 as provided by Subsection (h), that period may not extend past the
4 date of the 19th [~~18th~~] birthday of the child or past the date the
5 child is no longer enrolled in an accredited secondary school in a
6 program leading toward a high school diploma, whichever date is
7 later.

8 (h) If the juvenile court places the child on probation in a
9 determinate sentence proceeding initiated under Section 53.045 and
10 transfers supervision on the child's 20th [~~19th~~] birthday to a
11 district court for placement on community supervision, the district
12 court shall require the payment of any unpaid restitution as a
13 condition of the community supervision. The liability of the
14 child's parent for restitution may not be extended by transfer to a
15 district court for supervision.

16 SECTION 4.09. Sections 54.05(a) and (b), Family Code, are
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), any
19 disposition, except a commitment to the Texas Juvenile Justice
20 Department [~~Youth Commission~~], may be modified by the juvenile
21 court as provided in this section until:

22 (1) the child reaches:

23 (A) the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday; or

24 (B) the child's 20th [~~19th~~] birthday, if the
25 child was placed on determinate sentence probation under Section
26 54.04(q); or

27 (2) the child is earlier discharged by the court or

1 operation of law.

2 (b) Except for a commitment to the Texas Juvenile Justice
3 Department or to a post-adjudication secure correctional facility
4 under Section 54.04011, a disposition under Section 54.0402, or a
5 placement on determinate sentence probation under Section
6 54.04(q), all dispositions automatically terminate when the child
7 reaches the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday.

8 SECTION 4.10. Sections 54.051(a), (b), (c), (d), (e-2), and
9 (i), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

10 (a) On motion of the state concerning a child who is placed
11 on probation under Section 54.04(q) for a period, including any
12 extension ordered under Section 54.05, that will continue after the
13 child's 20th [~~19th~~] birthday, the juvenile court shall hold a
14 hearing to determine whether to transfer the child to an
15 appropriate district court or discharge the child from the sentence
16 of probation.

17 (b) The hearing must be conducted before the person's 20th
18 [~~19th~~] birthday[, ~~or before the person's 18th birthday if the~~
19 ~~offense for which the person was placed on probation occurred~~
20 ~~before September 1, 2011,~~] and must be conducted in the same manner
21 as a hearing to modify disposition under Section 54.05.

22 (c) If, after a hearing, the court determines to discharge
23 the child, the court shall specify a date on or before the child's
24 20th [~~19th~~] birthday to discharge the child from the sentence of
25 probation.

26 (d) If, after a hearing, the court determines to transfer
27 the child, the court shall transfer the child to an appropriate

1 district court on the child's 20th [~~19th~~] birthday.

2 (e-2) If a person who is placed on community supervision
3 under this section violates a condition of that supervision or if
4 the person violated a condition of probation ordered under Section
5 54.04(q) and that probation violation was not discovered by the
6 state before the person's 20th [~~19th~~] birthday, the district court
7 shall dispose of the violation of community supervision or
8 probation, as appropriate, in the same manner as if the court had
9 originally exercised jurisdiction over the case. If the judge
10 revokes community supervision, the judge may reduce the prison
11 sentence to any length without regard to the minimum term imposed by
12 Section 23(a), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.

13 (i) If the juvenile court exercises jurisdiction over a
14 person who is 19 or 20 [~~18 or 19~~] years of age or older, as
15 applicable, under Section 51.041 or 51.0412, the court or jury may,
16 if the person is otherwise eligible, place the person on probation
17 under Section 54.04(q). The juvenile court shall set the
18 conditions of probation and immediately transfer supervision of the
19 person to the appropriate court exercising criminal jurisdiction
20 under Subsection (e).

21 SECTION 4.11. Section 54.11(1), Family Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Pending the conclusion of a transfer hearing, the
24 juvenile court shall order that the person who is referred for
25 transfer be detained in a certified juvenile detention facility as
26 provided by Subsection (m). If the person is at least 18 [~~17~~] years
27 of age, the juvenile court may order that the person be detained

1 without bond in an appropriate county facility for the detention of
2 adults accused of criminal offenses.

3 SECTION 4.12. Section 55.15, Family Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 55.15. STANDARDS OF CARE; EXPIRATION OF COURT ORDER
6 FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. If the juvenile court or a court to
7 which the child's case is referred under Section 55.12(2) orders
8 mental health services for the child, the child shall be cared for,
9 treated, and released in conformity to Subtitle C, Title 7, Health
10 and Safety Code, except:

11 (1) a court order for mental health services for a
12 child automatically expires on the 120th day after the date the
13 child becomes 19 [~~18~~] years of age; and

14 (2) the administrator of a mental health facility
15 shall notify, in writing, by certified mail, return receipt
16 requested, the juvenile court that ordered mental health services
17 or the juvenile court that referred the case to a court that ordered
18 the mental health services of the intent to discharge the child at
19 least 10 days prior to discharge.

20 SECTION 4.13. Section 55.18, Family Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 Sec. 55.18. DISCHARGE FROM MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY BEFORE
23 REACHING 19 [~~18~~] YEARS OF AGE. If the child is discharged from the
24 mental health facility before reaching 19 [~~18~~] years of age, the
25 juvenile court may:

26 (1) dismiss the juvenile court proceedings with
27 prejudice; or

1 (2) continue with proceedings under this title as
2 though no order of mental health services had been made.

3 SECTION 4.14. The heading to Section 55.19, Family Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 55.19. TRANSFER TO CRIMINAL COURT ON 19TH [~~18TH~~]
6 BIRTHDAY.

7 SECTION 4.15. Section 55.19(a), Family Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (a) The juvenile court shall transfer all pending
10 proceedings from the juvenile court to a criminal court on the 19th
11 [~~18th~~] birthday of a child for whom the juvenile court or a court to
12 which the child's case is referred under Section 55.12(2) has
13 ordered inpatient mental health services if:

14 (1) the child is not discharged or furloughed from the
15 inpatient mental health facility before reaching 19 [~~18~~] years of
16 age; and

17 (2) the child is alleged to have engaged in delinquent
18 conduct that included a violation of a penal law listed in Section
19 53.045 and no adjudication concerning the alleged conduct has been
20 made.

21 SECTION 4.16. Section 55.43(a), Family Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) The prosecuting attorney may file with the juvenile
24 court a motion for a restoration hearing concerning a child if:

25 (1) the child is found unfit to proceed as a result of
26 mental illness or intellectual disability [~~mental retardation~~];

27 and

1 (2) the child:

2 (A) is not:

3 (i) ordered by a court to receive inpatient
4 mental health services;

5 (ii) committed by a court to a residential
6 care facility; or

7 (iii) ordered by a court to receive
8 treatment on an outpatient basis; or

9 (B) is discharged or currently on furlough from a
10 mental health facility or outpatient center before the child
11 reaches 19 [~~18~~] years of age.

12 SECTION 4.17. The heading to Section 55.44, Family Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 55.44. TRANSFER TO CRIMINAL COURT ON 19TH [~~18TH~~]
15 BIRTHDAY OF CHILD.

16 SECTION 4.18. Section 55.44(a), Family Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (a) The juvenile court shall transfer all pending
19 proceedings from the juvenile court to a criminal court on the 19th
20 [~~18th~~] birthday of a child for whom the juvenile court or a court to
21 which the child's case is referred has ordered inpatient mental
22 health services or residential care for persons with intellectual
23 disabilities [~~mental retardation~~] if:

24 (1) the child is not discharged or currently on
25 furlough from the facility before reaching 19 [~~18~~] years of age; and

26 (2) the child is alleged to have engaged in delinquent
27 conduct that included a violation of a penal law listed in Section

1 53.045 and no adjudication concerning the alleged conduct has been
2 made.

3 SECTION 4.19. Sections 58.003(c), (c-2), (c-4), (c-6), and
4 (c-8), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

5 (c) Subject to Subsection (b), a court may order the sealing
6 of records concerning a person adjudicated as having engaged in
7 delinquent conduct that violated a penal law of the grade of felony
8 only if:

9 (1) the person is 20 [~~19~~] years of age or older;

10 (2) the person was not transferred by a juvenile court
11 under Section 54.02 to a criminal court for prosecution;

12 (3) the records have not been used as evidence in the
13 punishment phase of a criminal proceeding under Section 3(a),
14 Article 37.07, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

15 (4) the person has not been convicted of a penal law of
16 the grade of felony after becoming age 18 [~~17~~].

17 (c-2) If the court orders the sealing of a child's records
18 under Subsection (c-1), a prosecuting attorney or juvenile
19 probation department may maintain until the child's 18th [~~17th~~]
20 birthday a separate record of the child's name and date of birth and
21 the date the child successfully completed the drug court
22 program. The prosecuting attorney or juvenile probation
23 department, as applicable, shall send the record to the court as
24 soon as practicable after the child's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday to be
25 added to the child's other sealed records.

26 (c-4) A prosecuting attorney or juvenile probation
27 department may maintain until a child's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday a

1 separate record of the child's name and date of birth and the date
2 on which the child's records are sealed, if the child's records are
3 sealed under Subsection (c-3). The prosecuting attorney or
4 juvenile probation department, as applicable, shall send the record
5 to the court as soon as practicable after the child's 18th [~~17th~~]
6 birthday to be added to the child's other sealed records.

7 (c-6) A prosecuting attorney or juvenile probation
8 department may maintain until a child's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday a
9 separate record of the child's name and date of birth and the date
10 on which the child successfully completed the educational program,
11 if the child's records are sealed under Subsection (c-5). The
12 prosecuting attorney or juvenile probation department, as
13 applicable, shall send the record to the court as soon as
14 practicable after the child's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday to be added to
15 the child's other sealed records.

16 (c-8) If the court orders the sealing of a child's records
17 under Subsection (c-7), a prosecuting attorney or juvenile
18 probation department may maintain until the child's 19th [~~18th~~]
19 birthday a separate record of the child's name and date of birth and
20 the date the child successfully completed the trafficked persons
21 program. The prosecuting attorney or juvenile probation
22 department, as applicable, shall send the record to the court as
23 soon as practicable after the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday to be
24 added to the child's other sealed records.

25 SECTION 4.20. Section [58.0052](#)(a)(2), Family Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (2) "Multi-system youth" means a person who:

- 1 (A) is younger than 20 [~~19~~] years of age; and
2 (B) has received services from two or more
3 juvenile service providers.

4 SECTION 4.21. Section 58.0071(d), Family Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (d) The physical records and files of a juvenile case may
7 only be destroyed if the child who is the respondent in the case:

8 (1) is at least 19 [~~18~~] years of age and:

9 (A) the most serious allegation adjudicated was
10 conduct indicating a need for supervision;

11 (B) the most serious allegation was conduct
12 indicating a need for supervision and there was not an
13 adjudication; or

14 (C) the referral or information did not relate to
15 conduct indicating a need for supervision or delinquent conduct and
16 the juvenile court or the court's staff did not take action on the
17 referral or information for that reason;

18 (2) is at least 21 years of age and:

19 (A) the most serious allegation adjudicated was
20 delinquent conduct that violated a penal law of the grade of
21 misdemeanor; or

22 (B) the most serious allegation was delinquent
23 conduct that violated a penal law of the grade of misdemeanor or
24 felony and there was not an adjudication; or

25 (3) is at least 31 years of age and the most serious
26 allegation adjudicated was delinquent conduct that violated a penal
27 law of the grade of felony.

1 SECTION 4.22. Section 58.203(a), Family Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (a) The department shall certify to the juvenile probation
4 department to which a referral was made that resulted in
5 information being submitted to the juvenile justice information
6 system that the records relating to a person's juvenile case are
7 subject to automatic restriction of access if:

8 (1) the person is at least 18 [~~17~~] years of age;

9 (2) the juvenile case did not include conduct
10 resulting in determinate sentence proceedings in the juvenile court
11 under Section 53.045; and

12 (3) the juvenile case was not certified for trial in
13 criminal court under Section 54.02.

14 SECTION 4.23. Section 58.208, Family Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 58.208. INFORMATION TO CHILD ON DISCHARGE. On the
17 final discharge of a child from the juvenile system or on the last
18 official action in the case, if there is no adjudication, the
19 appropriate juvenile justice official shall provide to the child:

20 (1) a written explanation of how automatic restricted
21 access under this subchapter works;

22 (2) a copy of this subchapter; and

23 (3) a statement that if the child wishes to receive
24 notification of an action restricting access to the child's records
25 under Section 58.207(a), the child must before the child's 18th
26 [~~17th~~] birthday provide the juvenile probation department with a
27 current address where the child can receive notification.

1 SECTION 4.24. Section 58.209(a), Family Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (a) When a child is placed on probation for an offense that
4 may be eligible for automatic restricted access at age 18 [~~17~~] or
5 when a child is received by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department on
6 an indeterminate commitment, a probation officer or an official at
7 the Texas Juvenile Justice Department reception center, as soon as
8 practicable, shall explain the substance of the following
9 information to the child:

10 (1) if the child was adjudicated as having committed
11 delinquent conduct for a felony or jailable misdemeanor, that the
12 child probably has a juvenile record with the department and the
13 Federal Bureau of Investigation;

14 (2) that the child's juvenile record is a permanent
15 record that is not destroyed or erased unless the record is eligible
16 for sealing and the child or the child's family hires a lawyer and
17 files a petition in court to have the record sealed;

18 (3) that the child's juvenile record, other than
19 treatment records made confidential by law, can be accessed by
20 police, sheriff's officers, prosecutors, probation officers,
21 correctional officers, and other criminal and juvenile justice
22 officials in this state and elsewhere;

23 (4) that the child's juvenile record, other than
24 treatment records made confidential by law, can be accessed by
25 employers, educational institutions, licensing agencies, and other
26 organizations when the child applies for employment or educational
27 programs;

1 (5) if the child's juvenile record is placed on
2 restricted access when the child becomes 18 [~~17~~] years of age, that
3 access will be denied to employers, educational institutions, and
4 others except for criminal justice agencies;

5 (6) that restricted access does not require any action
6 by the child or the child's family, including the filing of a
7 petition or hiring of a lawyer, but occurs automatically at age 18
8 [~~17~~]; and

9 (7) that if the child is under the jurisdiction of the
10 juvenile court or the Texas Juvenile Justice Department on or after
11 the child's 18th [~~17th~~] birthday, the law regarding restricted
12 access will not apply until the person is discharged from the
13 jurisdiction of the court or department, as appropriate.

14 SECTION 4.25. Section [58.211\(a\)](#), Family Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (a) If the department has notified a juvenile probation
17 department that a record has been placed on restricted access and
18 the department later receives information in the department's
19 criminal history system that the subject of the records has been
20 convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for a felony or a
21 misdemeanor punishable by confinement in jail for an offense
22 committed after the person reached the age of 18 [~~17~~], the person's
23 juvenile records are no longer subject to restricted access. The
24 department shall notify the appropriate local juvenile probation
25 departments in the manner described by Section [58.203](#) that the
26 person's records are no longer subject to restricted access.

27 SECTION 4.26. Section [59.005\(b\)](#), Family Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 (b) The juvenile court or the probation department shall
3 discharge the child from the custody of the probation department on
4 the date the provisions of this section are met or on the child's
5 19th [~~18th~~] birthday, whichever is earlier.

6 SECTION 4.27. Section 59.006(b), Family Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) The juvenile court shall discharge the child from the
9 custody of the probation department on the date the provisions of
10 this section are met or on the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday,
11 whichever is earlier.

12 SECTION 4.28. Section 59.007(b), Family Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (b) The juvenile court shall discharge the child from the
15 custody of the probation department on the date the provisions of
16 this section are met or on the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday,
17 whichever is earlier.

18 SECTION 4.29. Section 59.008(b), Family Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (b) The juvenile court shall discharge the child from the
21 custody of the probation department on the date the provisions of
22 this section are met or on the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday,
23 whichever is earlier.

24 SECTION 4.30. Section 59.009(c), Family Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (c) The Texas Juvenile Justice Department, juvenile board,
27 or local juvenile probation department may discharge the child from

1 the custody of the department, board, or probation department, as
2 applicable, on the date the provisions of this section are met or on
3 the child's 20th [~~19th~~] birthday, whichever is earlier.

4 SECTION 4.31. Section 61.051(c), Family Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (c) The juvenile court retains jurisdiction to enter a
7 contempt order if the motion for enforcement is filed not later than
8 six months after the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday.

9 SECTION 4.32. Section 614.019(b), Health and Safety Code,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 (b) A child with mental illness who is receiving continuity
12 of care services during parole from the Texas Juvenile Justice
13 Department [~~Youth Commission~~] and who is no longer eligible to
14 receive services from a local mental health authority when the
15 child becomes 18 [~~17~~] years of age because the child does not meet
16 the requirements of a local service area plan under Section
17 533.0352(a) may continue to receive continuity of care services
18 from the office until the child completes the child's parole.

19 SECTION 4.33. Section 63.001(1), Human Resources Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (1) "Juvenile" means a person from the age of 10 to 19
22 [~~18~~] years who has been found to have engaged in delinquent conduct
23 by a court of competent jurisdiction.

24 SECTION 4.34. Section 152.0015, Human Resources Code, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 152.0015. PRETRIAL DETENTION POLICY FOR CERTAIN
27 JUVENILES. A juvenile board shall establish a policy that

1 specifies whether a person who has been transferred for criminal
2 prosecution under Section 54.02, Family Code, and is younger than
3 18 [~~17~~] years of age may be detained in a juvenile facility pending
4 trial as provided by Section 51.12, Family Code.

5 SECTION 4.35. Sections 152.0016(e) and (j), Human Resources
6 Code, as added by Chapter 1323 (S.B. 511), Acts of the 83rd
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are amended to read as follows:

8 (e) A juvenile board or a local juvenile probation
9 department shall accept a person properly committed to it by a
10 juvenile court under Section 54.04011, Family Code, in the same
11 manner in which the Texas Juvenile Justice Department accepts a
12 person under Section 54.04(e), Family Code, even though the person
13 may be 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older at the time of the commitment.

14 (j) After a child committed to a post-adjudication secure
15 correctional facility with a determinate sentence under Section
16 54.04011(c)(2), Family Code, becomes 17 [~~16~~] years of age but
17 before the child becomes 20 [~~19~~] years of age, the juvenile board or
18 local juvenile probation department operating or contracting for
19 the operation of the facility may refer the child to the juvenile
20 court that entered the order of commitment for approval of the
21 child's transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for
22 confinement if the child has not completed the sentence and:

23 (1) the child's conduct, regardless of whether the
24 child was released under supervision through a program established
25 by the board or department, indicates that the welfare of the
26 community requires the transfer; or

27 (2) while the child was released under supervision:

1 (A) a juvenile court adjudicated the child as
2 having engaged in delinquent conduct constituting a felony offense;

3 (B) a criminal court convicted the child of a
4 felony offense; or

5 (C) the child's release under supervision was
6 revoked.

7 SECTION 4.36. Section 201.001(a)(2), Human Resources Code,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 (2) "Child" means an individual:

10 (A) 10 years of age or older and younger than 19
11 [~~18~~] years of age who is under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court;
12 or

13 (B) 10 years of age or older and younger than 20
14 [~~19~~] years of age who is committed to the department under Title 3,
15 Family Code.

16 SECTION 4.37. Section 243.001(a), Human Resources Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (a) The department may not assign a child younger than 15
19 years of age to the same correctional facility dormitory as a person
20 who is at least 18 [~~17~~] years of age unless the department
21 determines that the placement is necessary to ensure the safety of
22 children in the custody of the department. This subsection does
23 not apply to a dormitory that is used exclusively for short-term
24 assessment and orientation purposes.

25 SECTION 4.38. Section 243.051(b), Human Resources Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (b) A child who is arrested or taken into custody under

1 Subsection (a) may be detained in any suitable place, including an
2 adult jail facility if the person is 18 [~~17~~] years of age or older,
3 until the child is returned to the custody of the department or
4 transported to a department facility.

5 SECTION 4.39. Section 244.015, Human Resources Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 244.015. EVALUATION OF CERTAIN CHILDREN SERVING
8 DETERMINATE SENTENCES. (a) When a child who is sentenced to
9 commitment under Section 54.04(d)(3), 54.04(m), or 54.05(f),
10 Family Code, becomes 19 [~~18~~] years of age, the department shall
11 evaluate whether the child is in need of additional services that
12 can be completed in the six-month period after the child's 19th
13 [~~18th~~] birthday to prepare the child for release from the custody of
14 the department or transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal
15 Justice.

16 (b) This section does not apply to a child who is released
17 from the custody of the department or who is transferred to the
18 Texas Department of Criminal Justice before the child's 19th [~~18th~~]
19 birthday.

20 SECTION 4.40. Section 245.053(i), Human Resources Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (i) If the department requires as a condition of release
23 that a child attend psychological counseling under Subsection (a),
24 the department may, before the date the period of release ends,
25 petition the appropriate court to request the court to extend the
26 period of release for an additional period necessary to complete
27 the required counseling as determined by the treatment provider,

1 except that the release period may not be extended to a date after
2 the date of the child's 19th [~~18th~~] birthday.

3 SECTION 4.41. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or
4 (c) of this section, the changes in law made by this article apply
5 only to procedures relating to conduct violating a penal law of this
6 state that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.
7 Procedures relating to conduct that occurs before the effective
8 date of this Act are governed by the law in effect on the date the
9 conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
10 purpose.

11 (b) If the conduct violating a penal law of this state for
12 which a person was placed on probation occurred before September 1,
13 2011, the hearing required by Section 54.051, Family Code, must be
14 conducted before the person's 18th birthday and is governed by the
15 law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law
16 is continued in effect for that purpose.

17 (c) The change in law made by this Act to Section 58.0052,
18 Family Code, applies to the sharing of information on or after the
19 effective date of this Act, without regard to whether the
20 information was compiled before, on, or after that date.

21 (d) For purposes of this section, conduct violating a penal
22 law of this state occurred before the effective date of this Act if
23 any element of the conduct occurred before that date.

24 ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS LAWS RELATING TO AGE OF CRIMINAL
25 RESPONSIBILITY

26 SECTION 5.01. Section 79.001(10), Government Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (10) "Juvenile offense" means conduct committed by a
2 person while younger than 18 [~~17~~] years of age that constitutes:

3 (A) a misdemeanor punishable by confinement; or

4 (B) a felony.

5 SECTION 5.02. Section [511.009\(a\)](#), Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The commission shall:

8 (1) adopt reasonable rules and procedures
9 establishing minimum standards for the construction, equipment,
10 maintenance, and operation of county jails;

11 (2) adopt reasonable rules and procedures
12 establishing minimum standards for the custody, care, and treatment
13 of prisoners;

14 (3) adopt reasonable rules establishing minimum
15 standards for the number of jail supervisory personnel and for
16 programs and services to meet the needs of prisoners;

17 (4) adopt reasonable rules and procedures
18 establishing minimum requirements for programs of rehabilitation,
19 education, and recreation in county jails;

20 (5) revise, amend, or change rules and procedures if
21 necessary;

22 (6) provide to local government officials
23 consultation on and technical assistance for county jails;

24 (7) review and comment on plans for the construction
25 and major modification or renovation of county jails;

26 (8) require that the sheriff and commissioners of each
27 county submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the

1 commission, an annual report on the conditions in each county jail
2 within their jurisdiction, including all information necessary to
3 determine compliance with state law, commission orders, and the
4 rules adopted under this chapter;

5 (9) review the reports submitted under Subdivision (8)
6 and require commission employees to inspect county jails regularly
7 to ensure compliance with state law, commission orders, and rules
8 and procedures adopted under this chapter;

9 (10) adopt a classification system to assist sheriffs
10 and judges in determining which defendants are low-risk and
11 consequently suitable participants in a county jail work release
12 program under Article [42.034](#), Code of Criminal Procedure;

13 (11) adopt rules relating to requirements for
14 segregation of classes of inmates and to capacities for county
15 jails;

16 (12) require that the chief jailer of each municipal
17 lockup submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the
18 commission, an annual report of persons under 18 [~~17~~] years of age
19 securely detained in the lockup, including all information
20 necessary to determine compliance with state law concerning secure
21 confinement of children in municipal lockups;

22 (13) at least annually determine whether each county
23 jail is in compliance with the rules and procedures adopted under
24 this chapter;

25 (14) require that the sheriff and commissioners court
26 of each county submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the
27 commission, an annual report of persons under 18 [~~17~~] years of age

1 securely detained in the county jail, including all information
2 necessary to determine compliance with state law concerning secure
3 confinement of children in county jails;

4 (15) schedule announced and unannounced inspections
5 of jails under the commission's jurisdiction using the risk
6 assessment plan established under Section [511.0085](#) to guide the
7 inspections process;

8 (16) adopt a policy for gathering and distributing to
9 jails under the commission's jurisdiction information regarding:

10 (A) common issues concerning jail
11 administration;

12 (B) examples of successful strategies for
13 maintaining compliance with state law and the rules, standards, and
14 procedures of the commission; and

15 (C) solutions to operational challenges for
16 jails;

17 (17) report to the Texas Correctional Office on
18 Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments on a jail's compliance
19 with Article [16.22](#), Code of Criminal Procedure;

20 (18) adopt reasonable rules and procedures
21 establishing minimum requirements for jails to:

22 (A) determine if a prisoner is pregnant; and

23 (B) ensure that the jail's health services plan
24 addresses medical and mental health care, including nutritional
25 requirements, and any special housing or work assignment needs for
26 persons who are confined in the jail and are known or determined to
27 be pregnant; and

1 (19) provide guidelines to sheriffs regarding
2 contracts between a sheriff and another entity for the provision of
3 food services to or the operation of a commissary in a jail under
4 the commission's jurisdiction, including specific provisions
5 regarding conflicts of interest and avoiding the appearance of
6 impropriety.

7 SECTION 5.03. Section 351.903(a), Local Government Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) To provide for the public safety, the commissioners
10 court of a county by order may adopt a curfew to regulate the
11 movements or actions of persons under 18 [~~17~~] years of age during
12 the period beginning one-half hour after sunset and extending until
13 one-half hour before sunrise or during school hours, or both. The
14 order applies only to the unincorporated area of the county.

15 SECTION 5.04. Section 521.201, Transportation Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 521.201. LICENSE INELIGIBILITY IN GENERAL. The
18 department may not issue any license to a person who:

19 (1) is under 15 years of age;
20 (2) is under 18 years of age unless the person complies
21 with the requirements imposed by Section 521.204;

22 (3) is shown to be addicted to the use of alcohol, a
23 controlled substance, or another drug that renders a person
24 incapable of driving;

25 (4) holds a driver's license issued by this state or
26 another state or country that is revoked, canceled, or under
27 suspension;

1 (5) has been determined by a judgment of a court to be
2 totally incapacitated or incapacitated to act as the operator of a
3 motor vehicle unless the person has, by the date of the license
4 application, been:

5 (A) restored to capacity by judicial decree; or

6 (B) released from a hospital for the mentally
7 incapacitated on a certificate by the superintendent or
8 administrator of the hospital that the person has regained
9 capacity;

10 (6) the department determines to be afflicted with a
11 mental or physical disability or disease that prevents the person
12 from exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a motor
13 vehicle while operating the vehicle on a highway, except that a
14 person may not be refused a license because of a physical defect if
15 common experience shows that the defect does not incapacitate a
16 person from safely operating a motor vehicle;

17 (7) has been reported by a court under Section
18 [521.3452](#) for failure to appear unless the court has filed an
19 additional report on final disposition of the case; or

20 (8) has been reported by a court for failure to appear
21 or default in payment of a fine for a misdemeanor that is not
22 covered under Subdivision (7) and that is punishable by a fine only,
23 including a misdemeanor under a municipal ordinance, committed by a
24 person who was under 18 [~~17~~] years of age at the time of the alleged
25 offense, unless the court has filed an additional report on final
26 disposition of the case.

27 SECTION 5.05. Section [521.294](#), Transportation Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 Sec. 521.294. DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION FOR LICENSE
3 REVOCATION. The department shall revoke the person's license if
4 the department determines that the person:

5 (1) is incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle;

6 (2) has not complied with the terms of a citation
7 issued by a jurisdiction that is a party to the Nonresident Violator
8 Compact of 1977 for a traffic violation to which that compact
9 applies;

10 (3) has failed to provide medical records or has
11 failed to undergo medical or other examinations as required by a
12 panel of the medical advisory board;

13 (4) has failed to pass an examination required by the
14 director under this chapter;

15 (5) has been reported by a court under Section
16 [521.3452](#) for failure to appear unless the court files an additional
17 report on final disposition of the case;

18 (6) has been reported within the preceding two years
19 by a justice or municipal court for failure to appear or for a
20 default in payment of a fine for a misdemeanor punishable only by
21 fine, other than a failure reported under Section [521.3452](#),
22 committed by a person who is at least 14 years of age but younger
23 than 18 [~~17~~] years of age when the offense was committed, unless the
24 court files an additional report on final disposition of the case;
25 or

26 (7) has committed an offense in another state or
27 Canadian province that, if committed in this state, would be

1 grounds for revocation.

2 SECTION 5.06. Section 521.294(6), Transportation Code, as
3 amended by this article, applies only to an offense committed on or
4 after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before
5 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
6 the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued
7 in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an
8 offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any
9 element of the offense occurred before that date.

10 ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 SECTION 6.01. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.