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H.B. No. 327

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on the availability of information regarding
3 convictions and deferred dispositions for fine-only misdemeanors.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Public Safety shall
6 conduct a study on how records regarding Class C misdemeanors,
7 other than traffic offenses, are handled in different Texas
8 counties.

9 (b) The study shall address:

10 (1) the public availability of Class C misdemeanor
11 conviction records;

12 (2) the public availability of any records relating to
13 a suspension of sentence and deferral of final disposition for a
14 Class C misdemeanor under Article [45.051](#), Code of Criminal
15 Procedure; and

16 (3) the public availability of any records described
17 by Subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection that are related to a
18 child.

19 (c) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Department of Public
20 Safety shall issue a report on the study required under this section
21 to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
22 representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the
23 house of representatives and the senate.

24 (d) This section expires September 1, 2017.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.