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H.B. No. 1123

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to increasing the punishment for the offense of possession
3 or promotion of child pornography; changing the eligibility for
4 parole.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 508.145, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

8 (e-1) An inmate serving a sentence for an offense under
9 Section 43.26, Penal Code, is not eligible for release on parole
10 until the inmate's actual calendar time served, without
11 consideration of good conduct time, equals one-half of the inmate's
12 sentence.

13 SECTION 2. Sections 43.26(d) and (g), Penal Code, are
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (d) An offense under Subsection (a) is a felony of the
16 second [~~third~~] degree.

17 (g) An offense under Subsection (e) is a felony of the first
18 [~~second~~] degree.

19 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
20 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
21 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
22 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
23 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
24 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the

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1 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
2 before that date.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.