

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1111
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties contend that the current prohibition against certain individuals released on parole or to mandatory supervision from going on roadways near premises where children commonly gather is too restrictive and does not allow the individual to lawfully travel to a place where the individual has legitimate business, such as a parole office, rehabilitation facility, or workplace. H.B. 1111 seeks to provide an exception to that prohibition when such an individual is going immediately to or from certain locations on a route pre-approved by the individual's parole officer.

H.B. 1111 amends current law relating to the child safety zone applicable to a person released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 508.187, Government Code, by adding Subsection (b-1), as follows:

(b-1) Provides that, notwithstanding Subsection (b)(1)(B) (relating to requiring a parole panel to establish a child safety zone applicable to a releasee if the panel determines that a child was the victim of the offense, by requiring a certain type of release), a requirement that a releasee not go in, on, or within a distance specified by a parole panel of certain premises does not apply to a releasee while the releasee is in or going immediately to or from a parole office, premises at which the releasee is participating in a program or activity required as a condition of release, a residential facility in which the releasee is required to reside as a condition of release, a private residence in which the releasee is required to reside as a condition of release, or any other premises, facility, or location that meets certain criteria.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 508.225, Government Code, by adding Subsection (a-1), as follows:

(a-1) Provides that, notwithstanding Subsection (a)(2) (relating to authorizing a parole panel to establish a certain child safety zone, if warranted by the offense for which the inmate is serving), a requirement that an inmate not go in, on, or within a distance specified by a parole panel of certain premises does not apply to an inmate while the inmate is in or going immediately to or from a parole office, premises at which the inmate is participating in a program or activity required as a condition of release, a residential facility in which the inmate is required to reside as a condition of release, a private residence in which the inmate is required to reside as a condition of release, or any other premises, facility, or location that meets certain criteria.

SECTION 3. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies to a person on parole or mandatory supervision on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the person was released on parole or mandatory supervision before, on, or after that date.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2017.