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H.B. No. 618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain notices and information about certain releasees  
3 from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice that are provided to  
4 or made accessible to criminal justice agencies.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 508.115(a) and (d), Government Code,  
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) Not later than the 11th day before the date a parole  
9 panel orders the release on parole of an inmate or not later than  
10 the 11th day after the date the board recommends that the governor  
11 grant executive clemency, the division shall give notice in  
12 accordance with Subsection (d) to [notify] the sheriffs, each chief  
13 of police, the prosecuting attorneys, and the district judges in  
14 the county in which the inmate was convicted and the county to which  
15 the inmate is released that a parole panel is considering release on  
16 parole or the governor is considering clemency.

17 (d) The notice must include [state]:

18 (1) the inmate's name, age, sex, and race;

19 (2) a photograph of the inmate;

20 (3) if applicable:

21 (A) the address at which the inmate will reside;

22 (B) the name of the inmate's parole supervisor or  
23 the director of the halfway house to which the inmate is  
24 transferred, as appropriate; and

1                    (C) the rules or conditions of the inmate's  
2 release;

3                    (4) [~~(2)~~] the county in which the inmate was  
4 convicted; and

5                    (5) [~~(3)~~] the offense for which the inmate was  
6 convicted.

7            SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 508, Government Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 508.120 to read as follows:

9            Sec. 508.120. RELEASEE DATABASE. (a) In this section,  
10 "criminal justice agency" has the meaning assigned by Article  
11 60.01, Code of Criminal Procedure.

12            (b) The division shall establish and maintain a database for  
13 the purpose of providing real time information about releasees to  
14 criminal justice agencies.

15            (c) The database:

16                    (1) must contain the following information about a  
17 releasee, to the extent that the information is available:

18                            (A) a photograph;

19                            (B) a physical description;

20                            (C) gang affiliation;

21                            (D) residential history;

22                            (E) family history;

23                            (F) employment history;

24                            (G) a list of persons who visited the releasee  
25 during the releasee's confinement by the department;

26                            (H) the make, model, and license plate number of  
27 any vehicle operated by the releasee; and

1           (I) any other information that the division  
2 considers appropriate; and

3           (2) must be updated as soon as practicable after a  
4 parole officer learns of a change in any information described by  
5 Subdivision (1).

6           (d) In establishing a database under this section, the  
7 division may utilize an existing database that is maintained by the  
8 department, including the corrections tracking system established  
9 under Article 60.02, Code of Criminal Procedure.

10           SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 508, Government Code, is  
11 amended by adding Section 508.2511 to read as follows:

12           Sec. 508.2511. NOTICE OF WARRANT ISSUANCE. The department  
13 shall provide notice of a warrant issued under this subchapter to  
14 each law enforcement agency whose jurisdiction includes the  
15 residence of the releasee, according to the department's records.

16           SECTION 4. (a) Section 508.115, Government Code, as  
17 amended by this Act, applies only to the consideration by a parole  
18 panel of the release of an inmate or the transfer of an inmate to a  
19 halfway house that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act  
20 or to a recommendation that the governor grant executive clemency  
21 that is made on or after the effective date of this Act.

22           (b) Section 508.2511, Government Code, as added by this Act,  
23 applies only to a warrant issued under Subchapter H, Chapter 508,  
24 Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act.

25           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.