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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating the offense of intimidation by a member of a criminal street gang.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 71, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 71.024 to read as follows:

Sec. 71.024. INTIMIDATION BY GANG MEMBER. (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) is a member of a criminal street gang; and

(2) with the intent to cause another person to perform or to omit the performance of any act, communicates to the other person, directly or indirectly, by any means, a threat to:

(A) inflict bodily injury on the person threatened or any other person;

(B) damage or destroy property;

(C) subject any person to physical confinement or restraint; or

(D) commit an offense punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or any higher category of offense.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.