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H.B. No. 1505

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1505:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to conditions of community supervision prohibiting  
3 contact with certain persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 42A, Code of Criminal  
6 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 42A.3015 to read as  
7 follows:

8 Art. 42A.3015. PROHIBITING CONTACT WITH CERTAIN PERSONS. A  
9 judge who places a defendant on community supervision may not, as a  
10 condition of community supervision, prohibit the defendant from  
11 contacting or interacting with a person who belongs to an  
12 organization the membership of which includes persons who have  
13 criminal histories, including persons currently on community  
14 supervision or parole, and who engages in activities that the  
15 director of the community supervision and corrections department  
16 supervising the defendant determines, based on information  
17 provided by the organization's designated representative or other  
18 information, include:

19 (1) working with community members to address criminal  
20 justice issues;

21 (2) offering training and programs to assist formerly  
22 incarcerated persons; and

23 (3) advocating for criminal justice reform, including  
24 by:

- 1                    (A) engaging with state and local policy makers;
- 2 or
- 3                    (B) participating in a lawful manner in rallies,
- 4 marches, or other public displays of organized activity.

5            SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
6 defendant placed on community supervision on or after the effective  
7 date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the  
8 defendant was placed on community supervision was committed before,  
9 on, or after the effective date of this Act.

10            SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.