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H.B. No. 2439

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to policies and procedures for the issuance of personal bonds in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 17.034 to read as follows:

Art. 17.034. RELEASE ON PERSONAL BOND IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

Notwithstanding any other law, the sheriff of a county with a population of 700,000 or more but less than 780,000 may, with the consent of the attorney representing the state in that county, develop policies and procedures for the release of defendants on personal bond if necessary to alleviate overcrowding in the county jail.

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