By:  Hernandez, Neave, Guillen H.B. No. 1374

     (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire)

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2019; April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; May 9, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 9, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Whitmire        X

Huffman         X

Buckingham      X

Flores                    X

Hughes                    X

Miles           X

Perry           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to grants for the development and operation of pretrial intervention programs for pregnant defendants and defendants who are the primary caretaker of a child.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 509.011, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1)  The division may award a grant to a department for the development and operation of a pretrial intervention program for defendants who are:

(1)  pregnant at the time of placement into the program; or

(2)  the primary caretaker of a child younger than 18 years of age.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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