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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requests for certain information by the Texas Judicial Council regarding reductions of state jail felony punishment to misdemeanor punishment.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 71.035, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e)  In accordance with Subsection (b), the council shall request statistics related to:

(1)  reductions by courts of state jail felony punishment to misdemeanor punishment in accordance with Section 12.44, Penal Code, including:

(A)  the number and type of offenses for which a court sentenced a defendant under Section 12.44(a), Penal Code; and

(B)  the number and type of offenses for which a court authorized prosecution under Section 12.44(b), Penal Code; and

(2)  the number of defendants placed in a pretrial diversion or pretrial intervention program.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.