By:  West S.B. No. 693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of certain information involving family violence offenses.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 66.102(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(f)  Information in the computerized criminal history system relating to sentencing must include for each sentence:

(1)  the sentencing date;

(2)  the sentence for each offense, by offense code and incident number;

(3)  if the offender was sentenced to confinement:

(A)  the agency that receives custody of the offender;

(B)  the length of the sentence for each offense; and

(C)  if multiple sentences were ordered, whether the sentences were ordered to be served consecutively or concurrently;

(4)  if the offender was sentenced to pay a fine, the amount of the fine;

(5)  if a sentence to pay a fine or to confinement was ordered but was deferred, probated, suspended, or otherwise not imposed:

(A)  the length of the sentence or the amount of the fine that was deferred, probated, suspended, or otherwise not imposed; and

(B)  the offender's name, offense code, and incident number; [~~and~~]

(6)  if a sentence other than a fine or confinement was ordered, a description of the sentence ordered; and

(7)  whether the judgment imposing the sentence reflects an affirmative finding entered under Article 42.013 (Finding of Family Violence).

SECTION 2.  Article 66.252, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(b)  The arresting law enforcement agency shall prepare a uniform incident fingerprint card described by Article 66.251 and initiate the reporting process for each offender charged with:

(1)  a felony;

(2)  [~~or~~] a misdemeanor for which a term of confinement may be imposed; or

(3)  a misdemeanor punishable by fine only that involves family violence, as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code [~~other than a misdemeanor punishable by fine only~~].

(g)  On disposition of a case in which an offender is charged with a misdemeanor described by Subsection (b)(3), the clerk of the court exercising jurisdiction over the case shall report the applicable information regarding the person's citation or arrest and the disposition of the case to the Department of Public Safety using a uniform incident fingerprint card described by Article 66.251 or an electronic methodology approved by the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 3.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.