

1-1 By: Allen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Miles) H.B. No. 374
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 3, 2019;
 1-3 April 4, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Criminal Justice; April 23, 2019, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-6 Nays 0; April 23, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 374 By: Huffman

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to meetings or visits between a defendant on community
 1-20 supervision and a supervision officer.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 76, Government Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Section 76.019 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 76.019. SUPERVISION OFFICER MEETINGS AND VISITS. (a)
 1-25 A department shall adopt a policy regarding the scheduling of
 1-26 meetings or visits with a defendant placed on community supervision
 1-27 and supervised by the department. The policy must require the
 1-28 officer supervising the defendant to take into consideration the
 1-29 defendant's work, treatment, or community service schedule, as
 1-30 applicable, when scheduling any required meetings or visits.

1-31 (b) A department may permit a defendant to report to the
 1-32 officer supervising the defendant by use of videoconference
 1-33 technology if the department determines that an in-person meeting
 1-34 or visit is unnecessary.

1-35 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2020, each community
 1-36 supervision and corrections department shall adopt the policy
 1-37 required by Section 76.019, Government Code, as added by this Act.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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