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H.B. No. 510

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to enforcement of rules for certain county and municipal parks, playgrounds, historical museums, or historic or prehistoric sites; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 331, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 331.0075 to read as follows:

Sec. 331.0075. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES; OFFENSE. (a) This section applies only to:

(1) a county with a population of more than 410,000 and less than 455,000; or

(2) a municipality any part of which is located in a county described by Subdivision (1).

(b) The governing body of a county or municipality may adopt an order or ordinance prohibiting a violation of a rule prescribed under Section 331.007 for a park, playground, historical museum, or historic or prehistoric site maintained by the county or municipality.

(c) A person commits an offense if the person violates an order or ordinance adopted under Subsection (b). An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

(d) For purposes of Subsection (b), the governing body of the county or municipality may choose which of a park's, playground's, museum's, or site's rules to enforce under that

1 subsection and is not required to enforce all of a park's,
2 playground's, museum's, or site's rules under that subsection.

3 (e) Fines collected under Subsection (b) shall be deposited
4 in the general fund of the municipality or county.

5 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 331.007, Local Government
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 331.007. PUBLIC USE; RULES.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.