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H.B. No. 1374

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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