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H.B. No. 1761

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to credit toward a defendant's sentence for time confined
3 in jail or prison before sentencing.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 42.03, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Section 2-a to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2-a. In addition to the credit given to a defendant
8 under Section 2, the judge of the court in which the defendant is
9 convicted may give the defendant credit on the defendant's sentence
10 for any time the defendant was confined in jail or prison for
11 another case only, if that confinement occurred after the
12 commission of the offense for which the defendant is convicted and
13 before the date of the defendant's sentencing.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
15 defendant who is sentenced for an offense on or after the effective
16 date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense is committed
17 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

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