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H.B. No. 2519

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2519:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the reporting of certain information on felony
3 defendants placed on community supervision who are young adults and
4 to certain measures to reduce the revocation rate of those
5 defendants.

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

7 SECTION 1. Chapter 509, Government Code, is amended by
8 adding Section 509.018 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 509.018. INFORMATION ON OUTCOMES OF CERTAIN FELONY
10 DEFENDANTS PLACED ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION; MEASURES TO REDUCE
11 REVOCATION RATE. (a) In this section, "young adult" means a person
12 who is at least 17 years of age but younger than 25 years of age.

13 (b) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
14 the division shall submit to the legislature a report that includes
15 the following information:

16 (1) the revocation rate for felony defendants placed
17 on community supervision in each county who are young adults;

18 (2) the percentage of the felony defendants described
19 by Subdivision (1) who completed the period of community
20 supervision; and

21 (3) the recidivism rates for felony defendants
22 described by Subdivision (1) following the first, second, and third
23 anniversary of the date the defendants were placed on community
24 supervision.

1 (c) The information reported under Subsection (b) must be
2 disaggregated by race or ethnicity, offense type, and supervision
3 level.

4 (d) The division may provide technical assistance to
5 departments that serve counties in which the revocation rate for
6 felony defendants described by Subsection (b)(1) significantly
7 exceeds the statewide average or historically has significantly
8 exceeded the statewide average for felony defendants described by
9 that subsection who have a similar supervision level.

10 (e) Technical assistance provided under Subsection (d) must
11 include information on:

12 (1) developmental psychology;

13 (2) effective supervision practices for defendants
14 who are young adults; and

15 (3) the impact of adverse childhood experiences and
16 past trauma on the supervision of defendants who are young adults.

17 (f) The division shall require a department described by
18 Subsection (d) to develop and submit to the division a corrective
19 action plan establishing the measures the department will take to
20 reduce the revocation rate for felony defendants described by
21 Subsection (b)(1), including measures for creating collaborative
22 relationships with nonprofit organizations that provide
23 multidisciplinary services for young adults who are involved in the
24 criminal justice system.

25 (g) When awarding a grant to a department for the purpose of
26 reducing the revocation rate for felony defendants described by
27 Subsection (b)(1), the division shall give priority to departments

1 that are required to submit a corrective action plan under
2 Subsection (f).

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.