

By: Allen

H.B. No. 2519

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) The division shall require each department to annually
14 report to the division, in the manner prescribed by the division,
15 the following information:

16 (1) the revocation rate for felony defendants placed
17 on community supervision in a county served by the department who
18 are young adults;

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

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

1 supervision.

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

5 (d) The division shall include a summary of the information
6 reported under Subsection (b) in the report prepared under Section
7 509.004(c).

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

14 (f) Technical assistance provided under Subsection (e) must
15 include information on:

16 (1) developmental psychology;

17 (2) effective supervision practices for defendants
18 who are young adults; and

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

21 (g) The division shall require a department described by
22 Subsection (e) to develop and submit to the division a corrective
23 action plan establishing the measures the department will take to
24 reduce the revocation rate for felony defendants described by
25 Subsection (b)(1), including measures for creating collaborative
26 relationships with nonprofit organizations that provide
27 multidisciplinary services for young adults who are involved in the

1 criminal justice system.

2 (h) When awarding a grant to a department for the purpose of
3 reducing the revocation rate for felony defendants described by
4 Subsection (b)(1), the division shall give priority to departments
5 that are required to submit a corrective action plan under
6 Subsection (g).

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