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H.B. No. 2772

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the release to mandatory supervision of certain inmates confined in a county jail.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 508, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 508.1471 to read as follows:

Sec. 508.1471. RELEASE TO MANDATORY SUPERVISION OF CERTAIN INMATES CONFINED IN COUNTY JAIL. (a) This section applies only to an inmate who is confined in a county jail and who:

(1) has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the department; and

(2) is eligible for release to mandatory supervision.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the department must take custody of an inmate to whom this section applies before the inmate may be released to mandatory supervision.

(c) As soon as practicable after taking an inmate into custody under Subsection (b), the department shall provide notice to a victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim that the inmate is eligible for release to mandatory supervision. The notice must be sent to the address provided in the victim impact statement or submitted under Section 508.117(b) and must state that the victim, guardian, or close relative may submit, not later than the 14th day after the date of the notice, a written statement to the parole panel considering the inmate's release

1 regarding:

2 (1) the offense;

3 (2) the inmate; and

4 (3) the effect of the offense on the victim, guardian,  
5 or close relative.

6 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, the parole panel may hold  
7 a hearing regarding the release of the inmate to mandatory  
8 supervision and may permit a victim, guardian of a victim, or close  
9 relative of a deceased victim to make a statement at the hearing.

10 (e) In this section, "victim," "guardian of a victim," and  
11 "close relative of a deceased victim" have the meanings assigned by  
12 Section 508.117.

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

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