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H.B. No. 4441

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requests for certain information by the Texas Judicial
3 Council regarding reductions of state jail felony punishment to
4 misdemeanor punishment.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [71.035](#), Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (e) In accordance with Subsection (b), the council shall
9 request statistics related to:

10 (1) reductions by courts of state jail felony
11 punishment to misdemeanor punishment in accordance with Section
12 [12.44](#), Penal Code, including:

13 (A) the number and type of offenses for which a
14 court sentenced a defendant under Section [12.44](#)(a), Penal Code; and

15 (B) the number and type of offenses for which a
16 court authorized prosecution under Section [12.44](#)(b), Penal Code;
17 and

18 (2) the number of defendants placed in a pretrial
19 diversion or pretrial intervention program.

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