

1-1 By: Lopez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 4754  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2019;  
 1-3 May 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
 1-4 Justice; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman			X	
1-9 Buckingham	X			
1-10 Flores	X			
1-11 Hughes	X			
1-12 Miles	X			
1-13 Perry	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a study on the number of active releasees on a parole  
 1-18 officer's caseload.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "parole officer" and  
 1-21 "releasee" have the meanings assigned by Section 508.001,  
 1-22 Government Code.

1-23 (b) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall conduct a  
 1-24 study on:

1-25 (1) the average number of active releasees on a parole  
 1-26 officer's caseload;

1-27 (2) how the department factors the number of active  
 1-28 releasees on a parole officer's caseload in determining its  
 1-29 legislative appropriations request and budget; and

1-30 (3) whether the department is accurately assessing the  
 1-31 number of active releasees on a parole officer's caseload to ensure  
 1-32 that:

1-33 (A) the department receives an adequate amount of  
 1-34 funding to employ a sufficient number of parole officers; and

1-35 (B) a parole officer is not overburdened or  
 1-36 overworked based on the number of active releasees on the parole  
 1-37 officer's caseload.

1-38 (c) Not later than September 1, 2020, the Texas Department  
 1-39 of Criminal Justice shall prepare and submit to the legislature a  
 1-40 written report that summarizes the results of the study conducted  
 1-41 under this section.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act expires December 31, 2020.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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