

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1268
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2019; March 7, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 April 23, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 23, 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 statement presented in a criminal case by a victim,
 1-18 close relative of a deceased victim, or guardian of a victim.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article 42.03, Code of Criminal
 1-21 Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-22 (c) The court may not impose a limit on the number of
 1-23 victims, close relatives, or guardians who may appear and present
 1-24 statements under Subsection (b) unless the court finds that
 1-25 additional statements would unreasonably delay the proceeding.

1-26 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
 1-27 defendant who is sentenced for an offense on or after the effective
 1-28 date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense is committed
 1-29 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

1-30 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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