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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the review of a defendant's criminal history before any release of the defendant on bail.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 17.034 to read as follows:

Art. 17.034.  REVIEW OF DEFENDANT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY. (a) A judge or magistrate must, before setting the amount of a defendant's bail or releasing a defendant on personal bond, enter into the record a written statement confirming that the judge or magistrate has reviewed and considered the defendant's criminal history as part of the proceedings for granting bail.

(b)  A statement described by Subsection (a) must be made available to the public on request.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a person who is arrested on or after the effective date of this Act. A person arrested before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the person was arrested, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.