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H.B. No. 787

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 787:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to conditions of community supervision prohibiting
- 3 contact with certain persons.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 42A, Code of Criminal
- 6 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 42A.3015 to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 Art. 42A.3015. PROHIBITING CONTACT WITH CERTAIN PERSONS. A
- 9 judge who places a defendant on community supervision may not, as a
- 10 condition of community supervision, prohibit the defendant from
- 11 contacting or interacting with a person who belongs to an
- 12 organization the membership of which includes persons who have
- 13 criminal histories, including persons currently on community
- 14 supervision or parole, and who engages in activities that the
- 15 director of the community supervision and corrections department
- 16 supervising the defendant determines, based on information
- 17 provided by the organization's designated representative or other
- 18 <u>information</u>, include:
- 19 (1) working with community members to address criminal
- 20 <u>justice issues;</u>
- 21 (2) offering training and programs to assist formerly
- 22 incarcerated persons; and
- 23 (3) advocating for criminal justice reform, including
- 24 by engaging with state and local policy makers.

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- 1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
- 2 defendant placed on community supervision on or after the effective
- 3 date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the
- 4 defendant was placed on community supervision was committed before,
- 5 on, or after the effective date of this Act.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.