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S.B. No. 533

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the review of a defendant's criminal history before any
3 release of the defendant on bail.

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

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

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

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

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

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