AN ACT

relating to increasing the criminal penalties for manufacture or
delivery of fentanyl and related substances; creating a criminal
offense.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 481.002(5) and (6), Health and Safety
Code, are amended to read as follows:

(5) "Controlled substance" means a substance,
including a drug, an adulterant, and a dilutant, listed in
Schedules I through V or Penalty Group 1, 1-A, 1-B, 2, 2-A, 3, or
4. The term includes the aggregate weight of any mixture,
solution, or other substance containing a controlled substance.
The term does not include hemp, as defined by Section 121.001,
Agriculture Code, or the tetrahydrocannabinols in hemp.

(6) "Controlled substance analogue" means:

(A) a substance with a chemical structure
substantially similar to the chemical structure of a controlled
substance in Schedule I or II or Penalty Group 1, 1-A, 1-B, 2, or
2-A; or

(B) a substance specifically designed to produce
an effect substantially similar to, or greater than, the effect of a
controlled substance in Schedule I or II or Penalty Group 1, 1-A,
1-B, 2, or 2-A.

SECTION 2. Section 481.102, Health and Safety Code, is
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 481.102. PENALTY GROUP 1. Penalty Group 1 consists of:

(1) the following opiates, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, if the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation:

Alfentanil;
Allylprodine;
Alphacetylmethadol;
Benzethidine;
Betaprodine;
Clonitazene;
Diampromide;
Diethylthiambutene;
Difenoxin not listed in Penalty Group 3 or 4;
Dimenoxadol;
Dimethylthiambutene;
Dioxaphetyl butyrate;
Dipipanone;
Ethylmethylthiambutene;
Etonitazene;
Etozeridine;
Furethidine;
Hydroxypethidine;
Ketobemidone;
1 Levophenacylmorphan;
2 Meprodine;
3 Methadol;
4 Moramide;
5 Morheridine;
6 Noracymethadol;
7 Norlevorphanol;
8 Normethadone;
9 Norpipanone;
10 Phenadoxone;
11 Phenampromide;
12 Phenomorphan;
13 Phenoperidine;
14 Piritramide;
15 Proheptazine;
16 Properidine;
17 Propiram;
18 Sufentanil;
19 Tilidine; and
20 Trimeperidine;
21 (2) the following opium derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, unless specifically excepted, if the existence of these salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation:
22 Acetorphine;
23 Acetyldihydrocodeine;
24 Benzylmorphine;
Codeine methylbromide;
Codeine-N-Oxide;
Cyprorenphrine;
Desomorphine;
Dihydromorphine;
Drotebanol;
Etorphine, except hydrochloride salt;
Heroin;
Hydromorphinol;
Methyldesorphine;
Methyldihydromorphine;
Monoacetylmorphine;
Morphine methylbromide;
Morphine methylsulfonate;
Morphine-N-Oxide;
Myrophine;
Nicocodeine;
Nicomorphine;
Normorphine;
Pholcodine; and
Thebacon;

(3) the following substances, however produced, except those narcotic drugs listed in another group:

(A) Opium and opiate not listed in Penalty Group 3 or 4, and a salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of opium or opiate, other than thebaine derived butorphanol, nalmefene and its salts, naloxone and its salts, and naltrexone and its salts, but
including:  

Codeine not listed in Penalty Group 3 or 4;  
Dihydroetorphine;  
Ethylmorphine not listed in Penalty Group 3 or 4;  
Granulated opium;  
Hydrocodone not listed in Penalty Group 3;  
Hydromorphone;  
Metopon;  
Morphine not listed in Penalty Group 3;  
Opium extracts;  
Opium fluid extracts;  
Oripavine;  
Oxycodone;  
Oxymorphone;  
Powdered opium;  
Raw opium;  
Thebaine; and  
Tincture of opium;  

(B) a salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation of a substance that is chemically equivalent or identical to a substance described by Paragraph (A), other than the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium;  

(C) Opium poppy and poppy straw;  

(D) Cocaine, including:  

(i) its salts, its optical, position, and geometric isomers, and the salts of those isomers;
(ii) coca leaves and a salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of coca leaves; and

(iii) a salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of a salt, compound, or derivative that is chemically equivalent or identical to a substance described by Subparagraph (i) or (ii), other than decocainized coca leaves or extractions of coca leaves that do not contain cocaine or ecgonine; and

(E) concentrate of poppy straw, meaning the crude extract of poppy straw in liquid, solid, or powder form that contains the phenanthrine alkaloids of the opium poppy;

(4) the following opiates, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, if the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation:

Acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl \( (N-[1-(1-methyl-2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylacetamide) \);
Alpha-methylthiofentanyl \( (N-[1-methyl-2-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide) \);
Alphaprodine;
Anileridine;
Beta-hydroxyfentanyl \( (N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide) \);
Beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl;
Bezitramide;
Carfentanil;
Dihydrocodeine not listed in Penalty Group 3 or 4;
Diphenoxylate not listed in Penalty Group 3 or 4;
[Fentanyl or alpha-methylfentanyl, or any other derivative of Fentanyl;

Isomethadone;
Levorphanol;
Metazocine;
Methadone;
Methadone-Intermediate, 4-cyano-2-dimethylamino-4, 4-diphenyl butane;
3-methylfentanyl(N-[3-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);
3-methylthiofentanyl(N-[3-methyl-1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);
Moramide-Intermediate, 2-methyl-3-morpholino-1,1-diphenyl-propane-carboxylic acid;
Para-fluorofentanyl(N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinylpropanamide);
PEPAP (1-(2-phenethyl)-4-phenyl-4-acetoxy-piperidine);
Pethidine (Meperidine);
Pethidine-Intermediate-A, 4-cyano-1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidine;
Pethidine-Intermediate-B, ethyl-4-phenylpiperidine-4-carboxylate;
Pethidine-Intermediate-C, 1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidine-4-carboxylic acid;
Phenazocine;
Piminodine;
Racemethorphan;
Racemorphan;
Remifentanil; and
Thiofentanyl(N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide);
(5) Flunitrazepam (trade or other name: Rohypnol);
(6) Methamphetamine, including its salts, optical isomers, and salts of optical isomers;
(7) Phenylaceton and methylamine, if possessed together with intent to manufacture methamphetamine;
(8) Phencyclidine, including its salts;
(9) Gamma hydroxybutyric acid (some trade or other names: gamma hydroxybutyrate, GHB), including its salts;
(10) Ketamine;
(11) Phenazepam;
(12) U-47700;
(13) AH-7921;
(14) ADB-FUBINACA;
(15) AMB-FUBINACA; and
(16) MDMB-CHMICA.

SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 481.1022 to read as follows:

Sec. 481.1022. PENALTY GROUP 1-B. Penalty Group 1-B consists of fentanyl, alpha-methylfentanyl, and any other derivative of fentanyl.

SECTION 4. Section 481.106, Health and Safety Code, is
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 481.106. CLASSIFICATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ANALOGUE. For the purposes of the prosecution of an offense under this subchapter involving the manufacture, delivery, or possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Groups 1, 1-A, 1-B, 2, and 2-A include a controlled substance analogue that:

(1) has a chemical structure substantially similar to the chemical structure of a controlled substance listed in the applicable penalty group; or

(2) is specifically designed to produce an effect substantially similar to, or greater than, a controlled substance listed in the applicable penalty group.

SECTION 5. Subchapter D, Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 481.1123 to read as follows:

Sec. 481.1123. OFFENSE: MANUFACTURE OR DELIVERY OF SUBSTANCE IN PENALTY GROUP 1-B. (a) Except as authorized by this chapter, a person commits an offense if the person knowingly manufactures, delivers, or possesses with intent to deliver a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1-B.

(b) An offense under Subsection (a) is a state jail felony if the amount of the controlled substance to which the offense applies is, by aggregate weight, including adulterants or dilutants, less than one gram.

(c) An offense under Subsection (a) is a felony of the second degree if the amount of the controlled substance to which the offense applies is, by aggregate weight, including adulterants or dilutants, one gram or more but less than four grams.
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(d) An offense under Subsection (a) is punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 10 years, and a fine not to exceed $20,000, if the amount of the controlled substance to which the offense applies is, by aggregate weight, including adulterants or dilutants, four grams or more but less than 200 grams.

(e) An offense under Subsection (a) is punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years, and a fine not to exceed $200,000, if the amount of the controlled substance to which the offense applies is, by aggregate weight, including adulterants or dilutants, 200 grams or more but less than 400 grams.

(f) An offense under Subsection (a) is punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 20 years, and a fine not to exceed $500,000, if the amount of the controlled substance to which the offense applies is, by aggregate weight, including adulterants or dilutants, 400 grams or more.

SECTION 6. The heading to Section 481.115, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 481.115. OFFENSE: POSSESSION OF SUBSTANCE IN PENALTY GROUP 1 OR 1-B.

SECTION 7. Section 481.115(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as authorized by this chapter, a person commits
an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally possesses a
controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1 or 1-B, unless the
person obtained the substance directly from or under a valid
prescription or order of a practitioner acting in the course of
professional practice.

SECTION 8. Section 481.122(a), Health and Safety Code, is
amended to read as follows:
(a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly
delivers a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1, 1-A,
1-B, 2, or 3 or knowingly delivers marihuana and the person delivers
the controlled substance or marihuana to a person:
(1) who is a child;
(2) who is enrolled in a public or private primary or
secondary school; or
(3) who the actor knows or believes intends to deliver
the controlled substance or marihuana to a person described by
Subdivision (1) or (2).

SECTION 9. Section 481.124(d), Health and Safety Code, is
amended to read as follows:
(d) An offense under this section is:
(1) a felony of the second degree if the controlled
substance is listed in Penalty Group 1, 1-A, or 1-B;
(2) a felony of the third degree if the controlled
substance is listed in Penalty Group 2;
(3) a state jail felony if the controlled substance is
listed in Penalty Group 3 or 4; or
(4) a Class A misdemeanor if the controlled substance
is listed in a schedule by an action of the commissioner under this chapter but not listed in a penalty group.

SECTION 10. Sections 481.134(b) and (c), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense otherwise punishable as a state jail felony under Section 481.112, 481.1121, 481.1123, 481.113, 481.114, or 481.120 is punishable as a felony of the third degree, an offense otherwise punishable as a felony of the third degree under any of those sections is punishable as a felony of the second degree, and an offense otherwise punishable as a felony of the second degree under any of those sections is punishable as a felony of the first degree, if it is shown at the punishment phase of the trial of the offense that the offense was committed:

(1) in, on, or within 1,000 feet of premises owned, rented, or leased by an institution of higher learning, the premises of a public or private youth center, or a playground; or

(2) in, on, or within 300 feet of the premises of a public swimming pool or video arcade facility.

(c) The minimum term of confinement or imprisonment for an offense otherwise punishable under Section 481.112(c), (d), (e), or (f), 481.1121(b)(2), (3), or (4), 481.1123(c), (d), (e), or (f), 481.113(c), (d), or (e), 481.114(c), (d), or (e), 481.115(c)–(f), 481.1151(b)(2), (3), (4), or (5), 481.116(c), (d), or (e), 481.1161(b)(4), (5), or (6), 481.117(c), (d), or (e), 481.118(c), (d), or (e), 481.120(b)(4), (5), or (6), or 481.121(b)(4), (5), or (6) is increased by five years and the maximum fine for the offense is doubled if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the
offense was committed:
(1) in, on, or within 1,000 feet of the premises of a school, the premises of a public or private youth center, or a playground; or
(2) on a school bus.

SECTION 11. Section 481.140(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
(a) If it is shown at the punishment phase of the trial of an offense otherwise punishable as a state jail felony, felony of the third degree, or felony of the second degree under Section 481.112, 481.1121, 481.1123, 481.113, 481.114, 481.120, or 481.122 that the defendant used or attempted to use a child younger than 18 years of age to commit or assist in the commission of the offense, the punishment is increased by one degree, unless the defendant used or threatened to use force against the child or another to gain the child's assistance, in which event the punishment for the offense is a felony of the first degree.

SECTION 12. Section 481.141(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
(b) This section applies to an offense otherwise punishable as a state jail felony, felony of the third degree, or felony of the second degree under Section 481.112, 481.1121, 481.1123, 481.113, 481.114, or 481.122.

SECTION 13. Article 42A.054(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
(a) Article 42A.053 does not apply to a defendant adjudged guilty of an offense under:
Section 15.03, Penal Code, if the offense is punishable as a felony of the first degree;
(2) Section 19.02, Penal Code (Murder);
(3) Section 19.03, Penal Code (Capital Murder);
(4) Section 20.04, Penal Code (Aggravated Kidnapping);
(5) Section 20A.02, Penal Code (Trafficking of Persons);
(6) Section 20A.03, Penal Code (Continuous Trafficking of Persons);
(7) Section 21.11, Penal Code (Indecency with a Child);
(8) Section 22.011, Penal Code (Sexual Assault);
(9) Section 22.021, Penal Code (Aggravated Sexual Assault);
(10) Section 22.04(a)(1), Penal Code (Injury to a Child, Elderly Individual, or Disabled Individual), if:
(A) the offense is punishable as a felony of the first degree; and
(B) the victim of the offense is a child;
(11) Section 29.03, Penal Code (Aggravated Robbery);
(12) Section 30.02, Penal Code (Burglary), if:
(A) the offense is punishable under Subsection (d) of that section; and
(B) the actor committed the offense with the intent to commit a felony under Section 21.02, 21.11, 22.011, 22.021, or 25.02, Penal Code;
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(13) Section 43.04, Penal Code (Aggravated Promotion of Prostitution);

(14) Section 43.05, Penal Code (Compelling Prostitution);

(15) Section 43.25, Penal Code (Sexual Performance by a Child); [or]

(16) Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, for which punishment is increased under:

(A) Section 481.140 of that code (Use of Child in Commission of Offense); or

(B) Section 481.134(c), (d), (e), or (f) of that code (Drug-free Zones) if it is shown that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under any of those subsections; or

(17) Section 481.1123, Health and Safety Code (Manufacture or Delivery of Substance in Penalty Group 1-B), if the offense is punishable under Subsection (d), (e), or (f) of that section.

SECTION 14. Article 42A.056, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 42A.056. LIMITATION ON JURY-RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY SUPERVISION. A defendant is not eligible for community supervision under Article 42A.055 if the defendant:

(1) is sentenced to a term of imprisonment that exceeds 10 years;

(2) is convicted of a state jail felony for which suspension of the imposition of the sentence occurs automatically
under Article 42A.551;
(3) is adjudged guilty of an offense under Section 19.02, Penal Code;
(4) is convicted of an offense under Section 21.11, 22.011, or 22.021, Penal Code, if the victim of the offense was younger than 14 years of age at the time the offense was committed;
(5) is convicted of an offense under Section 20.04, Penal Code, if:
   (A) the victim of the offense was younger than 14 years of age at the time the offense was committed; and
   (B) the actor committed the offense with the intent to violate or abuse the victim sexually;
(6) is convicted of an offense under Section 20A.02, 20A.03, 43.04, 43.05, or 43.25, Penal Code; [or]
(7) is convicted of an offense for which punishment is increased under Section 481.134(c), (d), (e), or (f), Health and Safety Code, if it is shown that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under any of those subsections; or
(8) is convicted of an offense under Section 481.1123, Health and Safety Code, if the offense is punishable under Subsection (d), (e), or (f) of that section.

SECTION 15. Article 42A.102(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by Chapters 1137 (H.B. 2758) and 1298 (H.B. 3582), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:
(b) In all other cases, the judge may grant deferred
adjudication community supervision unless:

(1) the defendant is charged with an offense:

(A) under Section 20A.02, 20A.03, 49.045, 49.05, 49.065, 49.07, or 49.08, Penal Code;

(B) under Section 49.04 or 49.06, Penal Code, and, at the time of the offense:

(i) the defendant held a commercial driver's license or a commercial learner's permit; or

(ii) the defendant's alcohol concentration, as defined by Section 49.01, Penal Code, was 0.15 or more;

(C) for which punishment may be increased under Section 49.09, Penal Code;

(D) for which punishment may be increased under Section 481.134(c), (d), (e), or (f), Health and Safety Code, if it is shown that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under any one of those subsections; or

(E) under Section 481.1123, Health and Safety Code, that is punishable under Subsection (d), (e), or (f) of that section;

(2) the defendant:

(A) is charged with an offense under Section 21.11, 22.011, 22.021, 43.04, or 43.05, Penal Code, regardless of the age of the victim, or a felony described by Article 42A.453(b), other than a felony described by Subdivision (1)(A) or (3)(B) of this subsection; and

(B) has previously been placed on community
supervision for an offense under Paragraph (A);

(3) the defendant is charged with an offense under:

(A) Section 21.02, Penal Code; or

(B) Section 22.021, Penal Code, that is punishable under Subsection (f) of that section or under Section 12.42(c)(3) or (4), Penal Code; or

(4) the defendant is charged with an offense under Section 19.02, Penal Code, except that the judge may grant deferred adjudication community supervision on determining that the defendant did not cause the death of the deceased, did not intend to kill the deceased or another, and did not anticipate that a human life would be taken.

SECTION 16. Section 508.149(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An inmate may not be released to mandatory supervision if the inmate is serving a sentence for or has been previously convicted of:

(1) an offense for which the judgment contains an affirmative finding under Article 42A.054(c) or (d), Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) a first degree felony or a second degree felony under Section 19.02, Penal Code;

(3) a capital felony under Section 19.03, Penal Code;

(4) a first degree felony or a second degree felony under Section 20.04, Penal Code;

(5) an offense under Section 21.11, Penal Code;

(6) a felony under Section 22.011, Penal Code;
(7) a first degree felony or a second degree felony under Section 22.02, Penal Code;
(8) a first degree felony under Section 22.021, Penal Code;
(9) a first degree felony under Section 22.04, Penal Code;
(10) a first degree felony under Section 28.02, Penal Code;
(11) a second degree felony under Section 29.02, Penal Code;
(12) a first degree felony under Section 29.03, Penal Code;
(13) a first degree felony under Section 30.02, Penal Code;
(14) a felony for which the punishment is increased under Section 481.134 or Section 481.140, Health and Safety Code;
(15) an offense under Section 43.25, Penal Code;
(16) an offense under Section 21.02, Penal Code;
(17) a first degree felony under Section 15.03, Penal Code;
(18) an offense under Section 43.05, Penal Code;
(19) an offense under Section 20A.02, Penal Code;
(20) an offense under Section 20A.03, Penal Code; [repealed]
(21) a first degree felony under Section 71.02 or 71.023, Penal Code; or
(22) an offense under Section 481.1123, Health and Safety Code, punished under Subsection (d), (e), or (f) of that
SECTION 17. Section 161.042(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
(a) A physician who attends or treats, or who is requested to attend or treat, an overdose of a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1 under Section 481.102 or a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1-B under Section 481.1022, or the administrator, superintendent, or other person in charge of a hospital, sanitorium, or other institution in which an overdose of a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1 under Section 481.102 or a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1-B under Section 481.1022 is attended or treated or in which the attention or treatment is requested, shall report the case at once to the department.

SECTION 18. Sections 551.003(11) and (12), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
(11) "Controlled substance" means a substance, including a drug:
(A) listed in Schedule I, II, III, IV, or V, as established by the commissioner of public health under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, or in Penalty Group 1, 1-A, 1-B, 2, 3, or 4, Chapter 481; or
(12) "Dangerous drug" means a drug or device that:
(A) is not included in Penalty Group 1, 1-B, 2, 3,
or 4, Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, and is unsafe for self-medication; or

(B) bears or is required to bear the legend:

(i) "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription" or "Rx only" or another legend that complies with federal law; or

(ii) "Caution: federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian."

SECTION 19. Section 22.041(c-1), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c-1) For purposes of Subsection (c), it is presumed that a person engaged in conduct that places a child in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment if:

(1) the person manufactured, possessed, or in any way introduced into the body of any person the controlled substance methamphetamine in the presence of the child;

(2) the person's conduct related to the proximity or accessibility of the controlled substance methamphetamine to the child and an analysis of a specimen of the child's blood, urine, or other bodily substance indicates the presence of methamphetamine in the child's body; or

(3) the person injected, ingested, inhaled, or otherwise introduced a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1, Section 481.102, Health and Safety Code, or Penalty Group 1-B, Section 481.1022, Health and Safety Code, into the human body when the person was not in lawful possession of the substance as defined by Section 481.002(24) of that code.
SECTION 20. Section 71.023(a), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person, as part of the identifiable leadership of a criminal street gang, knowingly finances, directs, or supervises the commission of, or a conspiracy to commit, one or more of the following offenses by members of a criminal street gang:

(1) a felony offense that is listed in Article 42A.054(a), Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) a felony offense for which it is shown that a deadly weapon, as defined by Section 1.07, was used or exhibited during the commission of the offense or during immediate flight from the commission of the offense; or

(3) an offense that is punishable under Section 481.112(e) or (f) [481.112(f)], 481.1121(b)(4), 481.1123(d), (e), or (f), 481.115(f), or 481.120(b)(6), Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 21. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 22. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
before that date.

SECTION 23. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is required to implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the department may, but is not required to, implement this Act using other appropriations available for the purpose.

SECTION 24. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 768 passed the Senate on March 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 768 passed the House on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 12, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor