By: Moody H.B. No. 1402

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to the criminal penalties for certain criminal offenses.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4	SECTION 1. Section 502.001(c), Business & Commerce Code, is
5	amended to read as follows:
6	(c) A restaurant or bar owner shall display in a prominent

- (c) A restaurant or bar owner shall display in a prominent place on the premises of the restaurant or bar a sign stating in letters at least one-half inch high: "UNDER SECTION 32.51, PENAL CODE, IT IS A [STATE JAIL] FELONY OF THE FOURTH DEGREE (PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE [CONFINEMENT IN A STATE JAIL] FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS) TO OBTAIN, POSSESS, TRANSFER, OR USE A CUSTOMER'S DEBIT CARD OR CREDIT CARD NUMBER WITHOUT THE CUSTOMER'S CONSENT OR EFFECTIVE CONSENT."
- SECTION 2. Section 101.029, Civil Practice and Remedies
  Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 Code, is amended to read as follows:

  16 Sec. 101.029. LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN CONDUCT OF STATE PRISON

  17 INMATES. (a) The <u>Texas</u> Department of Criminal Justice is liable

  18 for property damage, personal injury, and death proximately caused

  19 by the wrongful act or omission or the negligence of an inmate [ox

  20 state jail defendant] housed in a facility operated by the

  21 department if:
- (1) the property damage, personal injury, or death arises from the operation or use of a motor-driven vehicle or motor-driven equipment;

- 1 (2) the inmate [<del>or defendant</del>] would be personally
- 2 liable to the claimant for the property damage, personal injury, or
- 3 death according to Texas law were the inmate [or defendant] a
- 4 private person acting in similar circumstances; and
- 5 (3) the act, omission, or negligence was committed by
- 6 the inmate [or defendant] acting in the course and scope of a task
- 7 or activity that:
- 8 (A) the inmate [or defendant] performed at the
- 9 request of an employee of the department; and
- 10 (B) the inmate [or defendant] performed under the
- 11 control or supervision of the department.
- 12 (b) A claimant may not name the inmate [or state jail
- 13 defendant] whose act or omission gave rise to the claim as a
- 14 codefendant in an action brought under this section.
- 15 (c) A judgment in an action or a settlement of a claim
- 16 against the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under this section
- 17 bars any action involving the same subject matter by the claimant
- 18 against the inmate [or state jail defendant] whose act or omission
- 19 gave rise to the claim. A judgment in an action or a settlement of a
- 20 claim against an inmate [or state jail defendant] bars any action
- 21 involving the same subject matter by the claimant against the <u>Texas</u>
- 22 Department of Criminal Justice under this section.
- 23 (d) This section does not apply to property damage, personal
- 24 injury, or death sustained by an inmate [or state jail defendant].
- 25 SECTION 3. Article 42A.056, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 Art. 42A.056. LIMITATION ON JURY-RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY

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- 1 SUPERVISION. A defendant is not eligible for community supervision
- 2 under Article 42A.055 if the defendant:
- 3 (1) is sentenced to a term of imprisonment that
- 4 exceeds 10 years;
- 5 (2) [is convicted of a state jail felony for which
- 6 suspension of the imposition of the sentence occurs automatically
- 7 under Article 42A.551;
- 8 [<del>(3)</del>] is adjudged guilty of an offense under Section
- 9 19.02, Penal Code;
- 10  $\underline{(3)}$  [ $\overline{(4)}$ ] is convicted of an offense under Section
- 11 21.11, 22.011, or 22.021, Penal Code, if the victim of the offense
- 12 was younger than 14 years of age at the time the offense was
- 13 committed;
- (4)  $[\frac{(5)}{(5)}]$  is convicted of an offense under Section
- 15 20.04, Penal Code, if:
- 16 (A) the victim of the offense was younger than 14
- 17 years of age at the time the offense was committed; and
- 18 (B) the actor committed the offense with the
- 19 intent to violate or abuse the victim sexually;
- 20 (5) [<del>(6)</del>] is convicted of an offense under Section
- 21 20A.02, 20A.03, 43.04, 43.05, or 43.25, Penal Code;
- (6)  $\left[\frac{(7)}{(7)}\right]$  is convicted of an offense for which
- 23 punishment is increased under Section 481.134(c), (d), (e), or (f),
- 24 Health and Safety Code, if it is shown that the defendant has been
- 25 previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was
- 26 increased under any of those subsections; or
- (7)  $[\frac{(8)}{(8)}]$  is convicted of an offense under Section

- 1 481.1123, Health and Safety Code, if the offense is punishable
- 2 under Subsection (d), (e), or (f) of that section.
- 3 SECTION 4. Articles 42A.515(a) and (c), Code of Criminal
- 4 Procedure, are amended to read as follows:
- 5 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), on a defendant's
- 6 conviction of a Class  $\underline{A}$  or  $\underline{B}$  misdemeanor under Section 43.02(a),
- 7 Penal Code, the judge shall suspend imposition of the sentence and
- 8 place the defendant on community supervision.
- 9 (c) A judge who places a defendant on community supervision
- 10 under Subsection (a) [or (b)] shall require as a condition of
- 11 community supervision that the defendant participate in a
- 12 commercially sexually exploited persons court program established
- 13 under Chapter 126, Government Code, if a program has been
- 14 established for the county or municipality where the defendant
- 15 resides. Sections 126.002(b) and (c), Government Code, do not apply
- 16 with respect to a defendant required to participate in the court
- 17 program under this subsection.
- 18 SECTION 5. Article 56A.552, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 Art. 56A.552. NOTIFICATION OF VICTIM. The department shall
- 21 immediately notify the victim of an offense, the victim's guardian,
- 22 or the victim's close relative if the victim is deceased, if the
- 23 victim, victim's quardian, or victim's close relative has notified
- 24 the department as provided by Article 56A.554, when the defendant:
- 25 (1) escapes from a facility operated by the department
- 26 for the imprisonment of individuals convicted of felonies [other
- 27 than state jail felonies]; or

- 1 (2) is transferred from the custody of a facility
- 2 described by Subdivision (1) to the custody of a peace officer under
- 3 a writ of attachment or a bench warrant.
- 4 SECTION 6. Article 56A.553, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Art. 56A.553. NOTIFICATION OF WITNESS. The department
- 7 shall immediately notify a witness who testified against a
- 8 defendant at the trial for the offense for which the defendant is
- 9 imprisoned, the witness's guardian, or the witness's close
- 10 relative, if the witness, witness's guardian, or witness's close
- 11 relative has notified the department as provided by Article
- 12 56A.554, when the defendant:
- 13 (1) escapes from a facility operated by the department
- 14 for the imprisonment of individuals convicted of felonies [other
- 15 than state jail felonies]; or
- 16 (2) is transferred from the custody of a facility
- 17 described by Subdivision (1) to the custody of a peace officer under
- 18 a writ of attachment or a bench warrant.
- 19 SECTION 7. Article 58.106, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- 21 Art. 58.106. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF CONFINED VICTIM.
- 22 This subchapter does not prohibit the inspector general of the
- 23 Texas Department of Criminal Justice from disclosing a victim's
- 24 identifying information to an employee of the department or the
- 25 department's ombudsperson if the victim is an inmate [or state jail
- 26 defendant] confined in a facility operated by or under contract
- 27 with the department.

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SECTION 8. Article 58.107(d), Code of Criminal Procedure,
    is amended to read as follows:
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              It is an exception to the application of this article
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    that:
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               (1) the person who discloses the name, address, or
   telephone number of a victim is the inspector general of the Texas
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   Department of Criminal Justice;
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               (2) the victim is an inmate [or state jail defendant]
   confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the
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   department; and
               (3) the person to whom the disclosure is made is an
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    employee of the department or the department's ombudsperson.
          SECTION 9. Section 25.1332(a), Government Code, is amended
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    to read as follows:
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              In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section
   25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Kendall County has:
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               (1) concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in
   fourth degree [state jail], third degree, and second degree felony
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   cases on assignment from a district judge presiding in Kendall
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   court at law to:
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                         conduct arraignments;
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                         conduct pretrial hearings;
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                     (C)
                         accept guilty pleas and conduct sentencing;
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conduct jury trials and nonjury trials;

conduct probation revocation hearings;

conduct post-trial proceedings; and

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                        conduct family law cases and proceedings; and
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                    jurisdiction in:
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                         Class A and Class B misdemeanor cases;
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                         probate proceedings;
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                         disputes ancillary to probate, eminent
   domain, condemnation, or landlord and tenant matters relating to
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   the adjudication and determination of land titles and trusts,
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   whether testamentary, inter vivos, constructive, resulting, or any
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   other class or type of trust, regardless of the amount in
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   controversy or the remedy sought;
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                    (D) eminent domain; and
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                         appeals from the justice and municipal
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   courts.
          SECTION 10. Sections 76.010(a), (c), (d), (e), and (f),
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   Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
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               [<del>(1) "Community</del>] corrections facility" has
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   meaning assigned by Section 509.001.
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               [(2) "State jail felony facility" means a facility
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   operated or contracted for by the Texas Department of Criminal
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(1) the judges described by Section 76.002 recommend

The department may authorize expenditures of funds

Justice under Subchapter A, Chapter 507, for the confinement of

provided by the division to the department for the purposes of

providing facilities, equipment, and utilities for community

corrections facilities [or state jail felony facilities] if:

individuals convicted of state jail felonies.

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- 1 the expenditures; and
- 2 (2) the division[ or the correctional institutions
- 3 division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in the case of
- 4 a state jail felony facility, provides funds for the purpose of
- 5 assisting in the establishment or improvement of the facilities.
- 6 (d) A department may acquire, hold title to, and own real
- 7 property for the purpose of establishing a community corrections
- 8 facility [or a state jail felony facility].
- 9 (e) A department, county, municipality, or a combination
- 10 involving more than one of those entities may not use a facility or
- 11 real property purchased, acquired, or improved with state funds
- 12 unless the division [, or the correctional institutions division of
- 13 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in the case of a state jail
- 14 felony facility, first approves the use.
- 15 (f) The division [or the correctional institutions division
- 16 of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, in the case of a state
- 17 jail felony facility, is entitled to reimbursement from an entity
- 18 described by Subsection (e) of all state funds used by the entity
- 19 without the approval required by Subsection (e).
- SECTION 11. Section 411.172(b), Government Code, is amended
- 21 to read as follows:
- (b) For the purposes of this section, an offense under the
- 23 laws of this state, another state, or the United States is:
- 24 (1) except as provided by Subsection (b-1), a felony
- 25 if the offense, at the time the offense is committed:
- 26 (A) is designated by a law of this state as a
- 27 felony;

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- 1 (B) contains all the elements of an offense
- 2 designated by a law of this state as a felony; or
- 3 (C) is punishable by confinement for one year or
- 4 more in a penitentiary; and
- 5 (2) a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is not a
- 6 felony and confinement in a jail [other than a state jail felony
- 7 facility] is affixed as a possible punishment.
- 8 SECTION 12. Section 493.002(a), Government Code, is amended
- 9 to read as follows:
- 10 (a) The following divisions are within the department:
- 11 (1) the community justice assistance division;
- 12 (2) the institutional division;
- 13 (3) the pardons and paroles division;
- 14 (4) [the state jail division;
- 15  $\left[\frac{(5)}{}\right]$  the internal audit division; and
- (5)  $[\frac{(6)}{(6)}]$  the programs and services division.
- SECTION 13. Section 493.0021(a), Government Code, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 (a) Notwithstanding Sections 493.002, 493.003, 493.004,
- 20 493.005, [493.0051,] 493.0052, [as added by Chapter 1360, Acts of
- 21 the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, and 493.0053
- 22 [493.0052, as added by Chapter 490, Acts of the 75th Legislature,
- 23 Regular Session, 1997], the executive director, with the approval
- 24 of the board, may:
- 25 (1) create divisions in addition to those listed in
- 26 Section 493.002 and assign to the newly created divisions any
- 27 duties and powers imposed on or granted to an existing division or

- 1 to the department generally;
- 2 (2) eliminate any division listed in Section 493.002
- 3 or created under this section and assign any duties or powers
- 4 previously assigned to the eliminated division to another division
- 5 listed in Section 493.002 or created under this section; or
- 6 (3) eliminate all divisions listed in Section 493.002
- 7 or created under this section and reorganize the distribution of
- 8 powers and duties granted to or imposed on a division in any manner
- 9 the executive director determines is best for the proper
- 10 administration of the department.
- 11 SECTION 14. Chapter 493, Government Code, is amended by
- 12 adding Section 493.0095 to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 493.0095. USE OF FORMER STATE JAIL FELONY FACILITIES.
- 14 Notwithstanding any other law, the department may use a state jail
- 15 felony facility established under former Chapter 507 for any
- 16 purpose the department determines appropriate, including the
- 17 confinement of inmates serving a sentence for a felony of the fourth
- 18 degree.
- 19 SECTION 15. Section 493.015(b), Government Code, is amended
- 20 to read as follows:
- 21 (b) The department shall identify those inmates who are
- 22 imprisoned in the institutional division or confined in a substance
- 23 abuse treatment facility[, a state jail felony facility,] or a
- 24 county jail awaiting transfer to the institutional division and for
- 25 whom the department is unable to reasonably ascertain whether or
- 26 not the person is an illegal criminal alien.
- 27 SECTION 16. Section 493.033(a), Government Code, is amended

- 1 to read as follows:
- 2 (a) The department shall adopt a policy to increase the
- 3 availability of formal and informal peer support services,
- 4 including certified peer specialist services, to a person confined
- 5 in a facility operated by or under contract with the department,
- 6 including a [state jail felony facility,] substance abuse felony
- 7 punishment facility <u>and[, or</u>] intermediate sanction facility.
- 8 SECTION 17. Section 493.034, Government Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 493.034. EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PILOT
- 11 PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish a pilot program to
- 12 provide educational and vocational training, employment, and
- 13 reentry services to [+
- 14 [(1) defendants placed on community supervision under
- 15 Article 42A.562, Code of Criminal Procedure; and
- 16  $\left[\frac{(2)}{2}\right]$  inmates released on parole who are required to
- 17 participate in the program as a condition of parole imposed under
- 18 Section 508.1455.
- 19 (b) The department, in consultation with interested
- 20 parties, shall determine the eligibility criteria for  $\underline{an}$  [ $\frac{a}{b}$
- 21 defendant or] inmate to participate in the pilot program, including
- 22 requiring the [defendant or] inmate to arrange for suitable housing
- 23 while participating in the program.
- (c) The department, in consultation with interested
- 25 parties, shall identify at least two and not more than four sites in
- 26 this state in which the pilot program will operate. In identifying
- 27 the sites, the department shall consider locating the program in

- 1 various regions throughout the state, including locations having a
- 2 variety of population sizes, provided that the department shall
- 3 select sites based on where the program will have the greatest
- 4 likelihood of success and regardless of geographic region or
- 5 population size. [The department shall also give consideration to
- 6 whether a risk and needs assessment is generally conducted before
- 7 sentencing defendants in a particular location and to the degree to
- 8 which local judges show support for the establishment of the
- 9 program in a particular location.
- 10 (d) The department shall issue a request for proposals from
- 11 public or private entities to provide services through the pilot
- 12 program. The department shall select one or more qualified
- 13 applicants to provide services through the program to eligible
- 14 [defendants and] inmates.
- 15 (e) The pilot program consists of approximately 180 days of
- 16 employment-related services and support and must include:
- 17 (1) an initial period during which the [defendant or]
- 18 inmate will:
- 19 (A) receive training and education related to the
- 20 [defendant's or] inmate's vocational goals; and
- 21 (B) be employed by the provider;
- 22 (2) job placement services designed to provide
- 23 employment for the [defendant or] inmate after the period described
- 24 by Subdivision (1);
- 25 (3) assistance in obtaining a high school diploma or
- 26 industry certification for applicable [defendants and] inmates;
- 27 (4) life-skills training, including information about

- 1 budgeting and money management; and
- 2 (5) counseling and mental health services.
- 3 (f) The department shall limit the number of [defendants
- 4 and] inmates who may participate in the pilot program to not more
- 5 than 45 individuals per quarter per program location.
- 6 (g) The department shall pay providers not less than \$40 per
- 7 day for each participant.
- 8 SECTION 18. Section 496.007, Government Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 496.007. LOCATION OF NEW FACILITIES. In determining
- 11 the location of a facility to be built, the department, in
- 12 evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed
- 13 location, shall consider whether the proposed location is:
- 14 (1) close enough to a county with 100,000 or more
- 15 inhabitants to provide access to services and other resources
- 16 provided in such a county;
- 17 (2) cost-effective with respect to its proximity to
- 18 other facilities of the department;
- 19 (3) close to an area that would facilitate release of
- 20 inmates [or persons confined in state jail felony facilities] to
- 21 their area of residence; and
- 22 (4) close to an area that provides adequate
- 23 educational opportunities and medical care.
- SECTION 19. Section 497.010(d), Government Code, is amended
- 25 to read as follows:
- 26 (d) It is an exception to the application of this section
- 27 that the actor was an inmate [or state jail defendant] confined in a

- 1 facility operated by or under contract with the department who sold
- 2 or offered to sell an art or craft in the manner authorized under
- 3 Section 501.013(b).
- 4 SECTION 20. Section 497.094(b), Government Code, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (b) The department and the Texas Workforce Investment
- 7 Council by rule shall adopt a memorandum of understanding that
- 8 establishes the respective responsibility of those entities to
- 9 provide through local workforce development boards job training and
- 10 employment assistance to persons formerly sentenced to the
- 11 institutional division [or the state jail division] and information
- 12 on services available to employers or potential employers of those
- 13 persons. The department shall coordinate the development of the
- 14 memorandum of understanding.
- SECTION 21. Section 501.015(f), Government Code, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- (f) Subsection (a)(3) does not apply to an inmate [who on
- 18 discharge or release on parole, mandatory supervision, or
- 19 conditional pardon is transferred from the custody of the
- 20 institutional division to a state jail felony facility or] who is
- 21 subject to a felony detainer and is released to the custody of
- 22 another jurisdiction.
- 23 SECTION 22. Section 501.054(g), Government Code, is amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 (g) The department shall maintain the confidentiality of
- 26 test results of an inmate indicating HIV infection at all times,
- 27 including after the inmate's discharge[, release from a state

- 1 jail, or release on parole or mandatory supervision. The
- 2 department may not honor the request of an agency of the state or
- 3 any person who requests a test result as a condition of housing or
- 4 supervising the inmate while the inmate is on community supervision
- 5 or parole or mandatory supervision, unless honoring the request
- 6 would improve the ability of the inmate to obtain essential health
- 7 and social services.
- 8 SECTION 23. Section 501.091, Government Code, as added by
- 9 Chapter 643 (H.B. 1711), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular
- 10 Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 501.091. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
- 12 (1) "Correctional facility" means a facility operated
- 13 by or under contract with the department.
- 14 (2) "Offender" means an inmate [or state jail
- 15 defendant confined in a correctional facility.
- SECTION 24. Section 501.171(2), Government Code, is amended
- 17 to read as follows:
- 18 (2) "Inmate" means an inmate [or state jail defendant]
- 19 confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the
- 20 department.
- 21 SECTION 25. Section 1232.114(b), Government Code, is
- 22 amended to read as follows:
- (b) This section does not apply to a minor renovation,
- 24 repair, or construction project at a facility operated by the Texas
- 25 Department of Criminal Justice for the imprisonment of individuals
- 26 convicted of felonies [other than state jail felonies], as defined
- 27 by the department in cooperation with the commission. Instead of

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- 1 submitting a project analysis, the department may substitute the
- 2 master plan required to be submitted by Section 1401.121 if the
- 3 master plan contains information substantially equivalent to the
- 4 information required to be in a project analysis under Sections
- 5 2166.151-2166.155.
- 6 SECTION 26. Section 2166.003(b), Government Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (b) Only Sections 2166.151, 2166.152, 2166.153, 2166.154,
- 9 2166.155, 2166.251, and 2166.252 and Subchapter H apply to a
- 10 construction project undertaken by or for the Texas Department of
- 11 Criminal Justice for the imprisonment of individuals convicted of
- 12 felonies [other than state jail felonies].
- SECTION 27. Section 2303.402(c), Government Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 (c) For the purposes of this section, an economically
- 16 disadvantaged individual is an individual who:
- 17 (1) was unemployed for at least three months before
- 18 obtaining employment with the qualified business;
- 19 (2) receives public assistance benefits, including
- 20 welfare payments or food stamps, based on need and intended to
- 21 alleviate poverty;
- 22 (3) is a low-income individual, as defined by Section
- 23 101, Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Section 2801(25));
- 24 (4) is an individual with a disability, as defined
- 25 by 29 U.S.C. Section 705(20)(A);
- 26 (5) is an inmate, as defined by Section 498.001;
- 27 (6) is entering the workplace after being confined in

- 1 a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department
- 2 of Criminal Justice for the imprisonment of individuals convicted
- 3 of felonies [other than state jail felonies];
- 4 (7) has been released by the Texas Juvenile Justice
- 5 Department and is on parole, if state law provides for such a person
- 6 to be on parole;
- 7 (8) meets the current low income or moderate income
- 8 limits developed under Section 8, United States Housing Act of 1937
- 9 (42 U.S.C. Section 1437f et seq.); or
- 10 (9) was under the permanent managing conservatorship
- 11 of the Department of Family and Protective Services on the day
- 12 preceding the individual's 18th birthday.
- SECTION 28. Section 481.115(b), Health and Safety Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 (b) An offense under Subsection (a) is a <u>Class A misdemeanor</u>
- 16 [state jail felony] if the amount of the controlled substance
- 17 possessed is, by aggregate weight, including adulterants or
- 18 dilutants, less than one gram.
- 19 SECTION 29. Section 481.1151(b), Health and Safety Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- 21 (b) An offense under this section is:
- 22 (1) a <u>Class A misdemeanor</u> [state jail felony] if the
- 23 number of abuse units of the controlled substance is fewer than 20;
- 24 (2) a felony of the third degree if the number of abuse
- 25 units of the controlled substance is 20 or more but fewer than 80;
- 26 (3) a felony of the second degree if the number of
- 27 abuse units of the controlled substance is 80 or more but fewer than

- 1 4,000;
- 2 (4) a felony of the first degree if the number of abuse
- 3 units of the controlled substance is 4,000 or more but fewer than
- 4 8,000; and
- 5 (5) punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department
- 6 of Criminal Justice for life or for a term of not more than 99 years
- 7 or less than 15 years and a fine not to exceed \$250,000, if the
- 8 number of abuse units of the controlled substance is 8,000 or more.
- 9 SECTION 30. Section 481.116(b), Health and Safety Code, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 (b) An offense under Subsection (a) is a <u>Class A misdemeanor</u>
- 12 [state jail felony] if the amount of the controlled substance
- 13 possessed is, by aggregate weight, including adulterants or
- 14 dilutants, less than one gram.
- SECTION 31. Section 481.1161(b), Health and Safety Code, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 (b) An offense under this section is:
- 18 (1) a Class B misdemeanor if the amount of the
- 19 controlled substance possessed is, by aggregate weight, including
- 20 adulterants or dilutants, <u>four</u> [<del>two</del>] ounces or less;
- 21 (2) [a Class A misdemeanor if the amount of the
- 22 controlled substance possessed is, by aggregate weight, including
- 23 adulterants or dilutants, four ounces or less but more than two
- 24 <del>ounces;</del>
- 25 [<del>(3)</del>] a Class A misdemeanor [state jail felony] if the
- 26 amount of the controlled substance possessed is, by aggregate
- 27 weight, including adulterants or dilutants, five pounds or less but

- 1 more than four ounces;
- 2 (3)  $[\frac{(4)}{1}]$  a felony of the third degree if the amount of
- 3 the controlled substance possessed is, by aggregate weight,
- 4 including adulterants or dilutants, 50 pounds or less but more than
- 5 5 pounds;
- (4) (4) (5) a felony of the second degree if the amount
- 7 of the controlled substance possessed is, by aggregate weight,
- 8 including adulterants or dilutants, 2,000 pounds or less but more
- 9 than 50 pounds; and
- 10  $\underline{(5)}$  [ $\underline{(6)}$ ] punishable by imprisonment in the Texas
- 11 Department of Criminal Justice for life or for a term of not more
- 12 than 99 years or less than 5 years, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000,
- 13 if the amount of the controlled substance possessed is, by
- 14 aggregate weight, including adulterants or dilutants, more than
- 15 2,000 pounds.
- SECTION 32. Section 481.121(b), Health and Safety Code, is
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- 18 (b) An offense under Subsection (a) is:
- 19 (1) a Class B misdemeanor if the amount of marihuana
- 20 possessed is four [two] ounces or less;
- 21 (2) [a Class A misdemeanor if the amount of marihuana
- 22 possessed is four ounces or less but more than two ounces;
- 23 [<del>(3)</del>] a <u>Class A misdemeanor</u> [state jail felony] if the
- 24 amount of marihuana possessed is five pounds or less but more than
- 25 four ounces;
- (3)  $[\frac{4}{1}]$  a felony of the third degree if the amount of
- 27 marihuana possessed is 50 pounds or less but more than 5 pounds;

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- 1 (4) (4) (5) a felony of the second degree if the amount
- 2 of marihuana possessed is 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50
- 3 pounds; and
- 4 (5) [(6)] punishable by imprisonment in the Texas
- 5 Department of Criminal Justice for life or for a term of not more
- 6 than 99 years or less than 5 years, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000,
- 7 if the amount of marihuana possessed is more than 2,000 pounds.
- 8 SECTION 33. Section 481.126(a), Health and Safety Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 (a) A person commits an offense if the person:
- 11 (1) barters property or expends funds the person knows
- 12 are derived from the commission of an offense under this chapter
- 13 punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal
- 14 Justice for life;
- 15 (2) barters property or expends funds the person knows
- 16 are derived from the commission of an offense under Section
- 17 481.121(a) that is punishable under Section 481.121(b)(4)
- 18 [<del>481.121(b)(5)</del>];
- 19 (3) barters property or finances or invests funds the
- 20 person knows or believes are intended to further the commission of
- 21 an offense for which the punishment is described by Subdivision
- 22 (1); or
- 23 (4) barters property or finances or invests funds the
- 24 person knows or believes are intended to further the commission of
- 25 an offense under Section 481.121(a) that is punishable under
- 26 Section 481.121(b)(4) [481.121(b)(5)].
- 27 SECTION 34. Section 481.129(g), Health and Safety Code, is

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    amended to read as follows:
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              An offense under Subsection (c)(2) is:
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                     a <u>Class A misdemeanor</u> [state jail felony] if the
    defendant possesses:
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                          a prescription form; or
                     (A)
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                     (B)
                          a prescription for a controlled substance
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    listed in Schedule II or III; and
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                (2) a Class B misdemeanor if the defendant possesses a
    prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule IV or V.
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          SECTION 35. Section 481.134(c), Health and Safety Code, as
    amended by Chapters 584 (S.B. 768) and 807 (H.B. 1540), Acts of the
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    87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted and amended
    to read as follows:
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              The minimum term of confinement or imprisonment for an
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    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),
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    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
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    481.1161(b)(3), (4), or (5) [481.1161(b)(4), (5), or (6)],
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   481.117(c), (d), or (e), 481.118(c), (d), or (e), 481.120(b)(4),
20
    (5), or (6), or \frac{481.121(b)(3)}{(4)}, or (5) \frac{481.121(b)(4)}{(5)}, or
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   (6) is increased by five years and the maximum fine for the offense
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    is doubled if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the
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    offense was committed:
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                     in, on, or within 1,000 feet of the premises of a
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school, the premises of a public or private youth center, or a

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- 1 (2) on a school bus; or
- 2 (3) by any unauthorized person 18 years of age or
- 3 older, in, on, or within 1,000 feet of premises owned, rented, or
- 4 leased by a general residential operation operating as a
- 5 residential treatment center.
- 6 SECTION 36. Sections 481.134(d) and (e), Health and Safety
- 7 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 8 (d) An offense otherwise punishable under Section
- 9 481.112(b), 481.1121(b)(1), 481.113(b), 481.114(b), or
- 10 [481.115(b), 481.1151(b)(1), 481.116(b), 481.1161(b)(3),
- 11  $481.120(b)(3)[\frac{1}{7} \text{ or } 481.121(b)(3)]$  is a felony of the third degree
- 12 if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the offense was
- 13 committed:
- 14 (1) in, on, or within 1,000 feet of any real property
- 15 that is owned, rented, or leased to a school or school board, the
- 16 premises of a public or private youth center, or a playground;
- 17 (2) on a school bus; or
- 18 (3) by any unauthorized person 18 years of age or
- 19 older, in, on, or within 1,000 feet of premises owned, rented, or
- 20 leased by a general residential operation operating as a
- 21 residential treatment center.
- (e) An offense otherwise punishable under Section
- 23 <u>481.115(b)</u>, <u>481.1151(b)(1)</u>, <u>481.116(b)</u>, <u>481.117(b)</u>, <u>481.119(a)</u>,
- 24 481.120(b)(2), or 481.121(b)(2) is a [state jail] felony of the
- 25 fourth degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the
- 26 offense was committed:
- 27 (1) in, on, or within 1,000 feet of any real property

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- 1 that is owned, rented, or leased to a school or school board, the
- 2 premises of a public or private youth center, or a playground;
- 3 (2) on a school bus; or
- 4 (3) by any unauthorized person 18 years of age or
- 5 older, in, on, or within 1,000 feet of premises owned, rented, or
- 6 leased by a general residential operation operating as a
- 7 residential treatment center.
- 8 SECTION 37. Section 614.0032(a), Health and Safety Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 (a) The office shall[÷
- 11 [(1)] perform duties imposed on the office by Section
- 12 508.146, Government Code[; and
- 13 [(2) periodically identify state jail felony
- 14 defendants suitable for release under Article 42A.561, Code of
- 15 Criminal Procedure, and perform other duties imposed on the office
- 16 by that article].
- SECTION 38. Section 306.007(b), Labor Code, is amended to
- 18 read as follows:
- 19 (b) The commission shall adopt a memorandum of
- 20 understanding with each of the following agencies that establishes
- 21 the respective responsibilities of the commission and the agencies
- 22 in providing information described by Subsection (a) to persons
- 23 formerly sentenced to the institutional division [or the state jail
- 24 division] of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, to employers
- 25 or potential employers of those persons, and to local workforce
- 26 development boards:
- 27 (1) the Department of State Health Services;

- 1 (2) the Texas Department of Housing and Community
- 2 Affairs;
- 3 (3) the Texas Veterans Commission; and
- 4 (4) the Health and Human Services Commission.
- 5 SECTION 39. Section 244.006, Local Government Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 244.006. EXEMPTIONS. This subchapter does not apply
- 8 to the operation of a correctional or rehabilitation facility at a
- 9 location subject to this subchapter if:
- 10 (1) on September 1, 1997, the correctional or
- 11 rehabilitation facility was in operation, under construction,
- 12 under contract for operation or construction, or planned for
- 13 construction at the location on land owned or leased by an agency or
- 14 political subdivision of the state and designated for use as a
- 15 correctional or rehabilitation facility;
- 16 (2) the correctional or rehabilitation facility was in
- 17 operation or under construction before the establishment of a
- 18 residential area the location of which makes the facility subject
- 19 to this subchapter;
- 20 (3) the correctional or rehabilitation facility is a
- 21 temporary correctional or rehabilitation facility that will be
- 22 operated at the location for less than one year;
- 23 (4) the correctional or rehabilitation facility is
- 24 required to obtain a special use permit or a conditional use permit
- 25 from the municipality in which the facility is located before
- 26 beginning operation;
- 27 (5) the correctional or rehabilitation facility is an

- 1 expansion of a facility operated by the correctional institutions
- 2 division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the
- 3 imprisonment of individuals convicted of felonies [other than state
- 4 jail felonies] or by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;
- 5 (6) the correctional or rehabilitation facility is a
- 6 county jail or a pre-adjudication or post-adjudication juvenile
- 7 detention facility operated by a county or county juvenile board;
- 8 (7) the facility is:
- 9 (A) a juvenile probation office located at, and
- 10 operated in conjunction with, a juvenile justice alternative
- 11 education center; and
- 12 (B) used exclusively by students attending the
- 13 juvenile justice alternative education center;
- 14 (8) the facility is a public or private institution of
- 15 higher education or vocational training to which admission is open
- 16 to the general public;
- 17 (9) the facility is operated primarily as a treatment
- 18 facility for juveniles under contract with the Health and Human
- 19 Services Commission, [Department of Aging and Disability Services
- 20 or] the Department of State Health Services, a local intellectual
- 21 and developmental disability authority, or a local mental health
- 22 [or mental retardation] authority;
- 23 (10) the facility is operated as a juvenile justice
- 24 alternative education program;
- 25 (11) the facility:
- 26 (A) is not operated primarily as a correctional
- 27 or rehabilitation facility; and

- 1 (B) only houses persons or children described by
- 2 Section 244.001(1)(B) for a purpose related to treatment or
- 3 education; or
- 4 (12) the facility is a probation or parole office
- 5 located in a commercial use area.
- 6 SECTION 40. Section 331.010(b), Local Government Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (b) The governor and the Texas Board of Criminal Justice may
- 9 permit the use of state inmates [and defendants confined in state
- 10 jail felony facilities] for the improvement and maintenance of
- 11 parks acquired under this chapter under agreements made by the
- 12 Parks and Wildlife Department and the municipality or county.
- SECTION 41. Section 12.4061, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 12.4061. PARKS AND WILDLIFE CODE FOURTH DEGREE [STATE
- 16 JAIL] FELONY. (a) An individual adjudged guilty of a Parks and
- 17 Wildlife Code [state jail] felony of the fourth degree shall be
- 18 punished by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal
- 19 Justice [confinement in a state jail] for a term of not more than
- 20 two years or less than 180 days.
- 21 (b) In addition to <u>imprisonment</u> [confinement], an
- 22 individual adjudged guilty of a Parks and Wildlife Code [state
- 23 jail felony of the fourth degree may be punished by a fine of not
- 24 less than \$1,500 and not more than \$10,000.
- 25 <u>(c) For purposes of this code, "Parks and Wildlife Code</u>
- 26 state jail felony" means a Parks and Wildlife Code felony of the
- 27 fourth degree.

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- 1 SECTION 42. Section 76.118(e-1), Parks and Wildlife Code,
- 2 is amended to read as follows:
- 3 (e-1) If it is shown at the trial of a defendant for a
- 4 violation of Section 76.116 that the defendant has been convicted
- 5 once within five years before the trial date of a violation of
- 6 Section 76.116, the defendant is guilty of a  $\underline{\text{Class A}}$  Parks and
- 7 Wildlife Code misdemeanor [state jail felony].
- 8 SECTION 43. Section 12.04, Penal Code, is amended to read as
- 9 follows:
- 10 Sec. 12.04. CLASSIFICATION OF FELONIES. (a) Felonies are
- 11 classified according to the relative seriousness of the offense
- 12 into five categories:
- 13 (1) capital felonies;
- 14 (2) felonies of the first degree;
- 15 (3) felonies of the second degree;
- 16 (4) felonies of the third degree; and
- 17 (5) [state jail] felonies of the fourth degree.
- 18 (b) An offense designated a felony in this code without
- 19 specification as to category is a [state jail] felony of the fourth
- 20 degree.
- 21 <u>(c) For purposes of this code and any other laws of this</u>
- 22 state, "state jail felony" means a felony of the fourth degree.
- 23 (d) For purposes of enhancing a penalty under this code or
- 24 any other laws of this state:
- 25 (1) a person is considered to have been previously
- 26 convicted of a felony of the fourth degree if the person has a final
- 27 conviction for a state jail felony; and

- 1 (2) a person is considered to have previously received
- 2 a dismissal and discharge under Article 42A.111, Code of Criminal
- 3 Procedure, for a felony of the fourth degree if the person received
- 4 a dismissal and discharge under that article for a state jail
- 5 felony.
- 6 SECTION 44. Section 12.35, Penal Code, is amended to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 Sec. 12.35. FOURTH DEGREE [STATE JAIL] FELONY PUNISHMENT.
- 9 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an individual adjudged
- 10 guilty of a [state jail] felony of the fourth degree shall be
- 11 punished by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal
- 12 Justice [confinement in a state jail] for any term of not more than
- 13 two years or less than 180 days.
- 14 (b) In addition to imprisonment [confinement], an
- 15 individual adjudged guilty of a [state jail] felony of the fourth
- 16 <u>degree</u> may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.
- 17 (c) An individual adjudged guilty of a [state jail] felony
- 18 of the fourth degree shall be punished for a third degree felony if
- 19 it is shown on the trial of the offense that:
- 20 (1) a deadly weapon as defined by Section 1.07 was used
- 21 or exhibited during the commission of the offense or during
- 22 immediate flight following the commission of the offense, and that
- 23 the individual used or exhibited the deadly weapon or was a party to
- 24 the offense and knew that a deadly weapon would be used or
- 25 exhibited; or
- 26 (2) the individual has previously been finally
- 27 convicted of any felony:

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- 1 (A) under Section 20A.03 or 21.02 or listed in
- 2 Article 42A.054(a), Code of Criminal Procedure; or
- 3 (B) for which the judgment contains an
- 4 affirmative finding under Article 42A.054(c) or (d), Code of
- 5 Criminal Procedure.
- 6 SECTION 45. Sections 12.42(a), (b), and (d), Penal Code,
- 7 are amended to read as follows:
- 8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c)(2), if it is shown
- 9 on the trial of a felony of the third degree that the defendant has
- 10 previously been finally convicted of a felony other than a [state
- 11 jail felony of the fourth degree punishable under Section
- 12 12.35(a), on conviction the defendant shall be punished for a
- 13 felony of the second degree.
- 14 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c)(2) or (c)(4), if it
- 15 is shown on the trial of a felony of the second degree that the
- 16 defendant has previously been finally convicted of a felony other
- 17 than a [state jail] felony of the fourth degree punishable under
- 18 Section 12.35(a), on conviction the defendant shall be punished for
- 19 a felony of the first degree.
- 20 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (c)(2) or (c)(4), if it
- 21 is shown on the trial of a felony offense other than a [state jail]
- 22 felony of the fourth degree punishable under Section 12.35(a) that
- 23 the defendant has previously been finally convicted of two felony
- 24 offenses, and the second previous felony conviction is for an
- 25 offense that occurred subsequent to the first previous conviction
- 26 having become final, on conviction the defendant shall be punished
- 27 by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for

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- 1 life, or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 25
- 2 years. A previous conviction for a [state jail] felony of the fourth
- 3 <u>degree</u> punishable under Section 12.35(a) may not be used for
- 4 enhancement purposes under this subsection.
- 5 SECTION 46. Sections 12.42(c)(1) and (5), Penal Code, are
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 (1) If it is shown on the trial of a felony of the first
- 8 degree that the defendant has previously been finally convicted of
- 9 a felony other than a [state jail] felony of the fourth degree
- 10 punishable under Section 12.35(a), on conviction the defendant
- 11 shall be punished by imprisonment in the Texas Department of
- 12 Criminal Justice for life, or for any term of not more than 99 years
- 13 or less than 15 years. In addition to imprisonment, an individual
- 14 may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.
- 15 (5) A previous conviction for a [state jail] felony of
- 16 the fourth degree punishable under Section 12.35(a) may not be used
- 17 for enhancement purposes under Subdivision (2).
- 18 SECTION 47. Section 12.425, Penal Code, is amended to read
- 19 as follows:
- 20 Sec. 12.425. PENALTIES FOR REPEAT AND HABITUAL FELONY
- 21 OFFENDERS ON TRIAL FOR FOURTH DEGREE [STATE JAIL] FELONY. (a) If
- 22 it is shown on the trial of a [state jail] felony of the fourth
- 23 degree punishable under Section 12.35(a) that the defendant has
- 24 previously been finally convicted of two [state jail] felonies of
- 25 the fourth degree punishable under Section 12.35(a), on conviction
- 26 the defendant shall be punished for a felony of the third degree.
- 27 (b) If it is shown on the trial of a [state jail] felony of

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- 1 the fourth degree punishable under Section 12.35(a) that the
- 2 defendant has previously been finally convicted of two felonies
- 3 other than a [state jail] felony of the fourth degree punishable
- 4 under Section 12.35(a), and the second previous felony conviction
- 5 is for an offense that occurred subsequent to the first previous
- 6 conviction having become final, on conviction the defendant shall
- 7 be punished for a felony of the second degree.
- 8 (c) If it is shown on the trial of a [state jail] felony of
- 9 the fourth degree for which punishment may be enhanced under
- 10 Section 12.35(c) that the defendant has previously been finally
- 11 convicted of a felony other than a [state jail] felony of the fourth
- 12 degree punishable under Section 12.35(a), on conviction the
- 13 defendant shall be punished for a felony of the second degree.
- 14 SECTION 48. Section 12.44, Penal Code, is amended to read as
- 15 follows:
- Sec. 12.44. REDUCTION OF FOURTH DEGREE [STATE JAIL] FELONY
- 17 PUNISHMENT TO MISDEMEANOR PUNISHMENT. (a) A court may punish a
- 18 defendant who is convicted of a [state jail] felony of the fourth
- 19 degree by imposing the confinement permissible as punishment for a
- 20 Class A misdemeanor if, after considering the gravity and
- 21 circumstances of the felony committed and the history, character,
- 22 and rehabilitative needs of the defendant, the court finds that
- 23 such punishment would best serve the ends of justice.
- 24 (b) At the request of the prosecuting attorney, the court
- 25 may authorize the prosecuting attorney to prosecute a [state jail]
- 26 felony of the fourth degree as a Class A misdemeanor.
- SECTION 49. Section 22.11(b), Penal Code, is amended to

- 1 read as follows:
- 2 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor
- 3 [felony of the third degree].
- 4 SECTION 50. Section 31.03(e), Penal Code, is amended to
- 5 read as follows:
- 6 (e) Except as provided by Subsection (f), an offense under
- 7 this section is:
- 8 (1) a Class C misdemeanor if the value of the property
- 9 stolen is less than \$100;
- 10 (2) a Class B misdemeanor if:
- 11 (A) the value of the property stolen is \$100 or
- 12 more but less than \$750;
- 13 (B) the value of the property stolen is less than
- 14 \$100 and the defendant has previously been convicted of any grade of
- 15 theft; or
- 16 (C) the property stolen is a driver's license,
- 17 commercial driver's license, or personal identification
- 18 certificate issued by this state or another state;
- 19 (3) a Class A misdemeanor if:
- 20  $\underline{\text{(A)}}$  the value of the property stolen is \$750 or
- 21 more but less than \$2,500; or
- 22 (B) the value of the property stolen is less than
- 23 \$750 and the defendant has been previously convicted two or more
- 24 times of any grade of theft;
- 25 (4) a [state jail] felony of the fourth degree if:
- 26 (A) the value of the property stolen is \$2,500 or
- 27 more but less than \$30,000, or the property is less than 10 head of

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- 1 sheep, swine, or goats or any part thereof under the value of
- 2 \$30,000;
- 3 (B) regardless of value, the property is stolen
- 4 from the person of another or from a human corpse or grave,
- 5 including property that is a military grave marker;
- 6 (C) the property stolen is a firearm, as defined
- 7 by Section 46.01;
- 8 (D) [the value of the property stolen is less
- 9 than \$2,500 and the defendant has been previously convicted two or
- 10 more times of any grade of theft;
- 11  $\left[\frac{(E)}{E}\right]$  the property stolen is an official ballot
- 12 or official carrier envelope for an election; or
- 13  $\underline{\text{(E)}}$  [<del>(F)</del>] the value of the property stolen is
- 14 less than \$20,000 and the property stolen is:
- 15 (i) aluminum;
- 16 (ii) bronze;
- 17 (iii) copper; or
- 18 (iv) brass;
- 19 (5) a felony of the third degree if the value of the
- 20 property stolen is \$30,000 or more but less than \$150,000, or the
- 21 property is:
- 22 (A) cattle, horses, or exotic livestock or exotic
- 23 fowl as defined by Section 142.001, Agriculture Code, stolen during
- 24 a single transaction and having an aggregate value of less than
- 25 \$150,000;
- 26 (B) 10 or more head of sheep, swine, or goats
- 27 stolen during a single transaction and having an aggregate value of

- 1 less than \$150,000; or
- 2 (C) a controlled substance, having a value of
- 3 less than \$150,000, if stolen from:
- 4 (i) a commercial building in which a
- 5 controlled substance is generally stored, including a pharmacy,
- 6 clinic, hospital, nursing facility, or warehouse; or
- 7 (ii) a vehicle owned or operated by a
- 8 wholesale distributor of prescription drugs;
- 9 (6) a felony of the second degree if:
- 10 (A) the value of the property stolen is \$150,000
- 11 or more but less than \$300,000; or
- 12 (B) the value of the property stolen is less than
- 13 \$300,000 and the property stolen is an automated teller machine or
- 14 the contents or components of an automated teller machine; or
- 15 (7) a felony of the first degree if the value of the
- 16 property stolen is \$300,000 or more.
- SECTION 51. Sections 31.16(c) and (d), Penal Code, are
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 (c) An offense under this section is:
- 20 (1) a Class C misdemeanor if the total value of the
- 21 merchandise involved in the activity is less than \$100;
- 22 (2) a Class B misdemeanor if the total value of the
- 23 merchandise involved in the activity is \$100 or more but less than
- 24 \$750;
- 25 (3) a Class A misdemeanor if the total value of the
- 26 merchandise involved in the activity is \$750 or more but less than
- 27 [<del>\$2,500;</del>

- 1 [(4) a state jail felony if the total value of the
- 2 merchandise involved in the activity is \$2,500 or more but less
- 3 than | \$30,000;
- 4 (4)  $[\frac{(5)}{}]$  a felony of the third degree if the total
- 5 value of the merchandise involved in the activity is \$30,000 or more
- 6 but less than \$150,000;
- 7  $\underline{(5)}$  [ $\frac{(6)}{(6)}$ ] a felony of the second degree if the total
- 8 value of the merchandise involved in the activity is \$150,000 or
- 9 more but less than \$300,000; or
- 10 (6) (7) a felony of the first degree if the total
- 11 value of the merchandise involved in the activity is \$300,000 or
- 12 more.
- 13 (d) An offense described for purposes of punishment by
- 14 Subsections (c)(1)-(5)  $[\frac{(c)(1)-(6)}{(c)}]$  is increased to the next higher
- 15 category of offense if it is shown on the trial of the offense that:
- 16 (1) the person organized, supervised, financed, or
- 17 managed one or more other persons engaged in an activity described
- 18 by Subsection (b); or
- 19 (2) during the commission of the offense, a person
- 20 engaged in an activity described by Subsection (b) intentionally,
- 21 knowingly, or recklessly:
- (A) caused a fire exit alarm to sound or
- 23 otherwise become activated;
- 24 (B) deactivated or otherwise prevented a fire
- 25 exit alarm or retail theft detector from sounding; or
- 26 (C) used a shielding or deactivation instrument
- 27 to prevent or attempt to prevent detection of the offense by a

- 1 retail theft detector.
- 2 SECTION 52. Section 32.32(c), Penal Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 (c) An offense under this section is:
- 5 (1) a Class C misdemeanor if the value of the property
- 6 or the amount of credit is less than \$100;
- 7 (2) a Class B misdemeanor if the value of the property
- 8 or the amount of credit is \$100 or more but less than \$750;
- 9 (3) a Class A misdemeanor if the value of the property
- 10 or the amount of credit is \$750 or more but less than [\$2,500;
- 11 [(4) a state jail felony if the value of the property
- 12 or the amount of credit is \$2,500 or more but less than] \$30,000;
- (4)  $[\frac{(5)}{(5)}]$  a felony of the third degree if the value of
- 14 the property or the amount of credit is \$30,000 or more but less
- 15 than \$150,000;
- 16 (5) [<del>(6)</del>] a felony of the second degree if the value of
- 17 the property or the amount of credit is \$150,000 or more but less
- 18 than \$300,000; or
- (6)  $\left[\frac{(7)}{(7)}\right]$  a felony of the first degree if the value of
- 20 the property or the amount of credit is \$300,000 or more.
- SECTION 53. Section 43.02(c), Penal Code, is amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- 23 (c) An offense under Subsection (a) is a Class B
- 24 misdemeanor, except that the offense is [+
- [(1)] a Class A misdemeanor if the actor has previously
- 26 been convicted [one or two times] of an offense under Subsection
- 27 (a)[<del>; or</del>

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[(2) a state jail felony if the actor has previously
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   been convicted three or more times of an offense under Subsection
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   <del>(a)</del>].
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          SECTION 54. Section 43.23(b), Penal Code, is amended to
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    read as follows:
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          (b) Except as provided by Subsection (h), an offense under
7
    Subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor [state jail felony].
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          SECTION 55. The following provisions are repealed:
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                    Article 42.0199, Code of Criminal Procedure;
                    Articles 42A.104(b) and 42A.515(b), Code
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               (2)
                                                                    of
   Criminal Procedure;
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               (3)
                    Subchapter L, Chapter 42A, Code of Criminal
   Procedure;
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                    Sections 72.036, 493.0051, 497.097, 509.015,
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               (4)
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   509.017, and 511.017, Government Code;
               (5)
                    Section 491.001(a)(8), Government Code;
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               (6)
                    Sections 509.006(d) and (e), Government Code; and
                    Chapter 507, Government Code.
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               (7)
                       The changes in law made by this Act apply only
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          SECTION 56.
   to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
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   An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
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   governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
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SECTION 57. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the

effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

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