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H.B. No. 2959

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing children committed to the Texas Juvenile  
Justice Department with certain documents on discharge or release.

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

SECTION 1. Section 245.0536(b), Human Resources Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(b) The department shall submit a request under Subsection  
(a)(2) on intake of the child [~~as soon as is practicable~~] to enable  
the department to receive the personal identification certificate  
before the department releases or discharges the child and to  
provide the child with the personal identification certificate when  
the department releases or discharges the child.

SECTION 2. Section 245.0537(b), Human Resources Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(b) The department shall submit a request under Subsection  
(a)(2) on intake of the child [~~as soon as is practicable~~] to enable  
the department to receive the applicable document before the  
department releases or discharges the child and to provide the  
child with the applicable document when the department releases or  
discharges the child.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.