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H.B. No. 394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the admissibility of certain hearsay statements in the
3 prosecution of certain sexual or assaultive offenses committed
4 against a child or person with a disability.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2, Article 38.072, Code of Criminal
7 Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
8 follows:

9 (a-1) This article applies to an individual's statement
10 that meets the requirements of Subsection (a), regardless of the
11 age of the individual at the time the statement was made.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
13 criminal proceeding that commences on or after the effective date
14 of this Act. A criminal proceeding that commences before the
15 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
16 date the proceeding commenced, and the former law is continued in
17 effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.