

1-1 By: Jones of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 413  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Huffman)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;  
1-4 May 16, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-5 Justice; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Flores	X			
1-10	Parker	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Huffman	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Miles	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the release of certain defendants detained in jail  
1-19 pending trial.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
1-22 amended by adding Article 17.1511 to read as follows:

1-23 Art. 17.1511. RELEASE OF CERTAIN DEFENDANTS DETAINED LONGER  
1-24 THAN POTENTIAL PUNISHMENT. (a) Notwithstanding any other law and  
1-25 except as provided by Subsection (b), a defendant charged with an  
1-26 offense punishable as a Class B misdemeanor or any higher category  
1-27 of offense may not be detained in jail pending trial for a  
1-28 cumulative period that, when considering the maximum credit toward  
1-29 the defendant's sentence to which the defendant would be entitled  
1-30 to earn as a result of the defendant's conduct while confined in the  
1-31 county jail of the county in which the offense occurred, exceeds the  
1-32 maximum term of confinement that may be imposed on conviction of the  
1-33 offense of which the defendant is accused.

1-34 (b) This article does not apply to a defendant who is being  
1-35 evaluated for competency or subject to an order of commitment  
1-36 issued under Chapter 46B.

1-37 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-38 to a person who is arrested on or after the effective date of this  
1-39 Act. A person arrested before the effective date of this Act is  
1-40 governed by the law in effect on the date the person was arrested,  
1-41 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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