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H.B. No. 5286

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the release of a person on parole or mandatory supervision from a residential correctional facility.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 508, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 508.158 to read as follows:

Sec. 508.158. REQUIRED TRANSPORTATION OF RELEASEE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF RESIDENCE IN RESIDENTIAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. (a) If a releasee is required to reside in a residential correctional facility, as defined by Section 508.157, as a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision, on completion of the releasee's required residence in the facility, the department shall provide the releasee with transportation to:

(1) the location of the releasee's residence prior to incarceration, if the residence is in this state; or

(2) a transit point determined appropriate by the department, if the releasee's residence prior to incarceration is outside this state and the releasee is authorized by the pardons and paroles division to report to a location outside this state.

(b) For the purpose of providing reintegration services to the releasee, the department shall make a payment in the amount of \$30,000 to a county for each releasee who completes a required residence in a residential correctional facility in that county and who is not provided with transportation by the department as

1 required by Subsection (a).

2 (c) The department shall issue payment under Subsection (b)
3 out of funds appropriated by the legislature to the department for
4 use in administering the parole system.

5 (d) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.

6 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
7 of this Act, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice shall adopt the
8 rules required by Section 508.158, Government Code, as added by
9 this Act.

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