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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

- 2 relating to the provision of services by the Texas Department of
- 3 Criminal Justice to offenders with intellectual or developmental
- 4 disabilities.

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- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 501.069, Government Code,
- 7 is amended to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 501.069. OFFENDERS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL
- 9 DISABILITIES [DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OFFENDER] PROGRAM.
- SECTION 2. Section 501.069, Government Code, is amended by
- 11 adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and (e) and amending Subsection
- 12 (d) to read as follows:
- 13 (c-1) The department shall develop and identify community
- 14 resources to assist an offender described by Subsection (b) in
- 15 successfully reentering and reintegrating into the community.
- 16 (c-2) The department shall develop and implement a reentry
- 17 and reintegration plan that is person-centered and based on the
- 18 individual needs of an offender described by Subsection (b). The
- 19 plan may include the coordination of treatment, identification of
- 20 housing assistance, and delivery of other transitional services.
- 21 (d) The department may accept gifts, awards, or grants for
- 22 the purpose of providing the services described by this section
- 23 [Subsection (b)].
- (e) Funds appropriated to the department may not be expended

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- 1 to provide residential housing assistance to an offender described
- 2 by Subsection (b) who is serving a sentence for an offense listed in
- 3 <u>Section 508.149(a).</u>
- 4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.