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S.B. No. 1125

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating the criminal offense of criminal pursuit.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 15.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 15.021. CRIMINAL PURSUIT. (a) A person commits an offense if, with the intent to commit an offense under Chapter 29, an offense under Section 30.04 involving theft, or an offense under Section 31.03, the person:

(1) knowingly travels from a commercial business or financial institution, as defined by Section 201.101, Finance Code, on the same path or route as another person without substantially deviating from that path or route;

(2) is a member of a criminal street gang, as defined by Section 71.01; and

(3) is in possession of two or more criminal instruments, as defined by Section 16.01.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree.

(c) If conduct constituting an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under another section of this code, the actor may be prosecuted under either section or under both sections.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.