

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, it is an offense for a person imprisoned or confined in certain adult or juvenile correctional facilities to cause another person to contact the blood, seminal fluid, urine, or feces of another, with the intent to harm, annoy or harass. H.B. 274 expands the list of bodily fluids and wastes covered by the statutes.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 22.11, Penal Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(a) Provides that a person commits an offense if the person, while imprisoned or confined in a correctional or detention facility, rather than a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Youth Commission, and with intent to harass, alarm, or annoy another person, causes the other person to contact the blood, seminal fluid, vaginal fluid, saliva, urine, or feces of the actor or any other person.

(d) Defines "correctional or detention facility."

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.

(b) Makes application of this Act prospective.