

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 44  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, once good conduct time has been revoked for a disciplinary offense, an inmate cannot regain the time back through cooperation or good behavior.

H.B. 44 authorizes the restoration of good conduct time at the discretion of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

### **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. Reenacts and amends Section 498.004(a), Government Code, as amended by Chapters 249 and 321, Acts of the 74th Legislature, 1995, to authorize, rather than prohibit, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to restore good conduct time forfeited under this subsection (relating to the forfeiture of an inmate's good conduct time for committing an offense or violating a rule of the institutional division of TDCJ).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.