

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 155  
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Corrections  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been suggested that there are certain advantages to notifying a sentencing court when a defendant in a state jail felony facility will have served enough time in the facility to trigger that court's consideration of the defendant for community supervision. H.B. 155 provides for this notification by requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to notify an applicable sentencing court of the date on which such a defendant will have served 75 days in the facility.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 155 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, not later than the 60th day after the date a defendant is received into the custody of a state jail felony facility, to electronically notify the sentencing court of the date on which the defendant will have served 75 days in the facility.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.