

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Section 9, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, defines "sex offender" as a person who has been convicted or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for certain offenses. This bill will redefine "sex offender" to include a person who has admitted committing an offense under certain provisions of the Penal Code.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2958 provides regulations regarding the release of certain information contained in a criminal defendant's presentence or postsentence report.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 9(m), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, to redefine "sex offender" to include a person who has admitted committing an offense under one of certain provisions of the Penal Code.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.