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H.B. No. 2189

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a developmentally disabled offender program established by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Radford Crocker Memorial Act.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.068 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.068. DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OFFENDER PROGRAM.

(a) In this section, "offender" has the meaning assigned by Section 501.091.

(b) The department shall establish and maintain a program for offenders:

(1) who are suspected of or identified as having an intellectual disability or borderline intellectual functioning; and

(2) whose adaptive functioning is significantly impaired.

(c) The program must provide an offender described by Subsection (b) with:

(1) a safe environment while confined; and

(2) specialized programs, treatments, and activities designed by the department to assist the offender in effectively managing, treating, or accommodating the offender's intellectual

1 disability or borderline intellectual functioning.

2 (d) The department may accept gifts, awards, or grants for
3 the purpose of providing the services described by Subsection (b).

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.