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H.B. No. 2923

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the conditions of confinement of children prior to certain judicial proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.12, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

(n) A child, including a child who has been certified as eligible for determinate sentencing under Section 53.045 or a child who has been transferred to a district court or a criminal district court for criminal proceedings under Section 54.02, may be confined only in a certified juvenile detention facility before sentencing proceedings or commitment of the child after a disposition hearing, as applicable.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a child who is confined before sentencing proceedings or commitment on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the conduct for which the child is sentenced or committed occurred before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

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