



Letter from the President

A BIG thanks to all who let us know what your priorities are by filling out our survey. We are still processing those to evaluate how to best meet your concerns. We are a completely volunteer-based organization filled with all the hurdles and challenges that brings, yet we press on. We are off to races with the Texas legislative session. There are several bills that TPCA has been working on with legislators.

Beat the Heat Bills

What we are asking for: Air conditioning in all TDCJ facilities with a standard of maintaining 65-85.

- HB 1708 Representative Canales
- HB 1355 Representative Sherman
- HB 1213 Representative Rosenthal
- HB 2950 Representative Bryant
- HB 1 House Appropriations Committee Bill.
- SB 1035 Senator Menéndez

Compassionate Release Program(MRIS/EMR)

What we are asking for: The expansion of program eligibility

- HB 1629 Representative Wu -No longer allowing the charge of Burglary as denial for Compassionate release
- HB 2328 Representative Wu -Currently, only those individuals who have been given 6 months are eligible. This bill would change that to 1 year
- HB 305 Representative Jarvis Johnson- Making those individuals who are 65 years of age or older eligible for compassionate release as opposed to "elderly."

Solitary Confinement T.A.S.C.

HB 480 by Representative Meza

TDCJ cannot place people in administrative segregation solely based on association with a SecurityThreat Group (STG). If administrative segregation is deemed necessary because the inmate represents an immediate security threat, the decision to place in restrictive custody must be revisited weekly to determine if the threat remains.

HB 812 by Representative Meza

Limits administrative segregation to 3 days for misconduct and ten days for injury to another person.

HB 813 by Representative Meza

Bill requires TCDJ, in coordination with the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services, to conduct a study on the impacts of administrative segregation in TDCJ facilities to be submitted on Dec 1, 2024.

Second Look

HB 1362 by Representative Wu

Changes the age for the Death Penalty, Life, and Life without Parole from 18 to 21 yrs. old.

Law of Parties (part of our agenda)

HB 1736 by Representative Leach

Relating to the extent of a defendant's criminal responsibility for the conduct of a co-conspirator in a capital murder case and the review of certain convictions by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

HB 929 by Representative Dutton

Relating to the extent of a defendant's criminal responsibility for the conduct of a co-conspirator in a capital murder case. TPCA keeps growing and expanding its reach. We continue to make more partnerships so that we can present support and resources to you all and your family members. TPCA has existed as a primarily virtual organization until our partnership with Ladies of Valour Empowerment. Through that partnership, we are reaching out to your loved ones who may not be too computer savvy by co-hosting training and meetings and whatever other Good trouble we can get into. . *Amite Dominick, Ph.D* TPCA President and Founder



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TPCA Mission Statement

Our Mission is to support affected family members and incarcerated individuals, increase awareness, and empower all through education, collaboration, and connection to organizational resources, thereby creating effective advocates prepared to advance humane conditions within the Texas Prisons.

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TPCA is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

TPCA does NOT have a legal department yet, so we can't assist with any legal recommendations or legal advice.

Si ustedes necesitan apoyo de alguien de acá afuera que pueda interferir por ustedes para su beneficio de advocación con mucho gusto pueden escribirnos en español, TPCA

Texans Against Solitary Confinement (T.A.S.C.)

Greetings!

The T.A.S.C (Texans Against Solitary Confinement) Campaign has been diligently working with legislators and activists to reform the way that solitary confinement is used within TDCJ facilities. From attending weekly meetings with our politicians, researching, and collaborating with reporters, we are closer than ever to bringing more awareness to the negative impacts of segregation on individuals and society in its totality. ALU (Administrative Lock Up), Administrative Segregation, and Deathrow has been at the center of many conversations with politicians.

The recent incarcerated individuals' efforts to bring about public knowledge and awareness to the issues occurring within solitary confinement across the TDCJ have opened thousands of eyes and ears. It is imperative now that YOU reach out to the corrections committee to educate them on how the bills proposed on the legislative floor would positively impact your life and the lives of your loved ones and the communities you will return home to.

Please also encourage your loved ones, family, and friends to submit their comments on the proposed bills so that they may be your voice and help ensure that you have FULL participation in all matters that involve your future.

The future is changing.

Ladies and gentlemen be a part of it.

CJai Foster

Law of Parties

TPCA continues to push for changes that benefit your life. You are the reason each of us works our campaigns, visits the legislators, researches and writes reports, communicates with TDCJ, assists your family members, and amplifies your voices. Storytelling is one of the avenues we use. We have recently taken on the issue of injustice due to the Law of Parties. I believe that the Law of Parties is being used extensively, but unfortunately, there is little data to prove my theory. Are you willing to help? You can help by sending your story about how the Law of Parties was used in your case. A booklet is already being compiled to use to educate our legislators and the public. It can be found on our website in pdf format, and when we talk to legislators and follow up by email, we send your stories to them. If you are willing to share your story, please mail it to our P.O. Box, attention Jessica. Yesterday, March 14, I testified before the House Jurisprudence Committee in favor of HB 1736. As Amite mentioned above, this bill would end the felony murder rule and give the opportunity to those on death row under this law to have their cases reviewed.

I was not the only person testifying in favor of this bill. The other testimonies were quite powerful. I am happy to let you know that this bill was reported as favorable without amendments that same day. I am expecting the House to pass it as they did last session, and then the real work begins. I have already been speaking to the Senate members and will keep pressing their offices to take up this bill no matter how many sessions it takes. There are many other injustices under the Law of Parties. These issues are part of a growing conversation with the public, reporters, and legislators. Further reform to this law is needed, and I will keep pressing on.

Jessica Dickerson

Kathy's Corner

A lot is going on in the Mediators for Incarcerated People's department. Thank you for your letters! They are very important and inform us well of the issues we hope to influence on your behalf. As a reminder, if you need medical assistance from one of our mediators, you **MUST** fill out a HIPPA/PHI form (H-61.1 HSA-27 Attachment B). Please add my name Kathy Dunbar and P.O. Box 1974 Fulton, TX 78358.

When you are writing the legislators, that mail is considered confidential and can be sent as legal mail by following the same procedures. Seal your letter, address it to the legislator specifically by name, and mark it "legal mail" before sending it to the mailroom. Sincerely, *Kathy Dunbar*

Help us Help you

- File your I-60's and Grievances. Communicate with your Loved Ones about what you filed and send copies when you can.
- Once you send in your Step 1 grievance then, send in an I-60 to the grievance coordinator.
- Grievance forms and instructions on how to use them are available from staff in each housing area or at the law library. You always need a paper trail to prove that you filed a grievance and to show the response you were given.
- Please do NOT mail us your original grievance as items get lost in the mail or we may not be able to return your grievance to you in a timely manner.
- Getting it done is better than not getting it done, in the long run.

Incarcerated Persons Mediator Spotlight

Hi! My name is David Ruiz. I decided to become part of the team cause I am formerly incarcerated, and I want to make a difference for those still there. I'm in the process of networking with various agencies and other facilities to assist inmates who are paroling with job placement and other services while I continue finishing my undergrad in Business Administration with a concentration in Criminal Justice and Project Management. I want those incarcerated to know that no matter the obstacles before you, anything is possible with hard work and dedication. Don't let things get you down. Life is hard, but you can accomplish anything if you work hard and stay focused.

Advocacy Spotlights

Lioness: Justice Impacted Women's Alliance

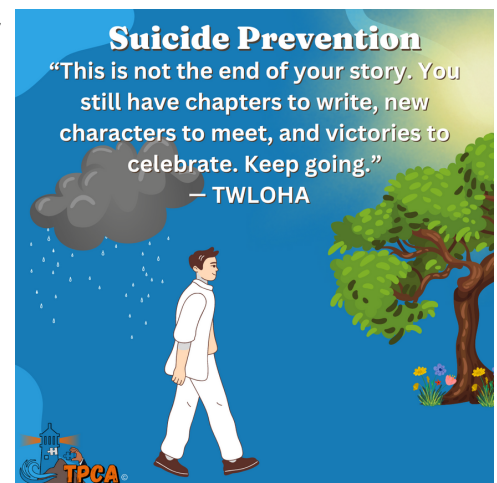
The female lion, known as a lioness, is the perfect symbol of female power and sisterhood. We embrace the inner lioness in each of us as we gather together to advocate for the rights of currently and formerly incarcerated girls and women in Texas and Lioness is led by these ladies. The mission of Lioness is to end incarceration and systematic devaluing of girls and women within our criminal legal system. We envision a society where we and our sisters are spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically free from all forms of violence and harm in the criminal legal system. Our vision can be achieved through radical advocacy, education, community engagement, grassroots organizing, and legislative action.

- We believe that lived experience is the guiding force to change.
- We believe in honoring each other's differences while striving to bring one unified voice of currently and formerly incarcerated girls and women in Texas into all spaces.
- We believe that jails and prisons perpetuate harm and violence against girls and women.

To reach us, you can send a letter to PO Box 12051, Austin, Texas 78711, or your family can email us at lionessjiwa@gmail.com

Bexar County Re-Entry Center

The Reentry Center was created to provide services to help justice-involved persons (persons recently released from jail, probationers, parolees, etc.) with resources that may help them to become self-sufficient and to end the cycle of incarceration. Recognizing the challenges justice-involved persons face, we ensure that basic needs are met first. We use varied approaches to provide the help you need to become productive and obtain a healthier, safer, and more meaningful lifestyle. Please be sure to contact us and set up an individual appointment to get started! 222 South Comal San Antonio, TX 78207 Phone: (210) 335-8281 M - F: 8 AM - 5 PM Email: ReentryCenter@bexar.org



Director of Family Mediators Note

Great news to our incarcerated individuals! Yes, that means you!

We have been able to obtain a protocol for the Drug UA (Urine Analysis) Protocol Procedure per Eric Guerrero, CID deputy division director. Here is what he said. Each staff member conducting these controlled substance tests is trained prior to being authorized to perform the test. There are Regional Testing Coordinators that ensure processes are adhered to statewide. Each test is witnessed by a minimum of two staff members. The sample cup is given directly to the inmate and returned directly to the two staff members once the sample is complete. The sample is then sent to a third-party lab to verify any preliminary positive results. There are numerous layers of accountability built into controlled substance testing to ensure a sound, trustworthy and reliable process. **POLICY:** Our drug test policy is that the drug test is to be sealed in front of an inmate. The drug test coordinator will have a witness, and all paperwork will be done either cell side or in their testing site where the inmates are scheduled. It should be noted that drug tests performed on the unit are not considered positive initially until confirmation from the lab. These are merely presumptive positives until results are returned from the lab. Once the results are obtained, the inmate is written the appropriate charge, and all necessary documentation is attached. If you feel you have had an unfair UA, we recommend you file a Step 1 Grievance, and if that doesn't work, continue with Grievance Step 2. If you need further assistance, have your loved one fill out the "TPCA Request for Advocacy Form" on the website under the Family Support Department tab or write to us at our P.O. Box.

Tatiana Santollo (Se Habla Español)

Tablet News

Last month we had a very successful Facebook live, hosted by none other than our awesome Family Mediator and Mentor, Melissa Riana. This training event offered your loved ones a one-on-one tutorial on how to maneuver the basics on the Securus website, features of the tablets, and info on what's available to you all. We converted this live into a manual which is available on our TPCA Facebook page in a downloadable format to print out and can send to you as well. TDCJ has only a few units left to launch. The following units are scheduled to launch in March and in April. Dates are subject to change. (Information per Holly Taft IT-Huntsville)

March Units

- Alfred Hughes Unit-Tentative date: March 9, 2023
- Bill Clements Unit-Tentative date: March 16, 2023
- Boyd Unit-Tentative date: March 28, 2023
- Crain Unit-Tentative date: March 27, 2023
- Ellis Unit-Tentative date: March 14, 2023
- Hilltop Unit-Tentative date: March 28, 2023
- Montford Unit-Tentative date: March 21, 2023
- Mountain View Unit-Tentative date: March 29, 2023
- Robertson Unit-Tentative date: March 15, 2023
- Smith Unit-Tentative date: March 14, 2023



April Units

- Allred Unit- April 2023 no date given yet.
- Beto Unit- April 2023 no date given yet.
- Byrd Unit- April 19, 2023 (tentative)
- Connally Unit- April 6, 2023 (tentative)
- Holliday Unit- April 19, 2023 (tentative)
- Lindsey Unit- April 19, 2023 (tentative)
- McConnell Unit-April 6, 2023 (tentative)
- Stiles Unit- April 2023 no date given yet.
- Woodman Unit- April 19, 2023 (tentative)
- Wynne Unit- April 2023 no date given yet.

Commissary News

Due to inflation, the prices of items are literally skyrocketing. TPCA is working diligently with TDCJ to brainstorm and potentially reach a happy medium regarding specific items and the lack thereof.



Family Mediator Spotlight

Hello, TPCA family. My name is Kayla, and I am a co-mediator for region 1. My husband, Carlos, and I have been a part of this prison journey for almost 9 years, with most of his time being at the Beto Unit. We have been learning to navigate the system together from both the inside and outside. He and I have a heart for others, so we enjoy helping both sides get through this journey. We believe everyone should have a voice. With that being said, I am glad to be plugged in and a part of this amazing organization, TPCA! Please do not hesitate to reach out, and we can work together on resolving issues that may arise! God bless and prayers for everyone.

Reflection From Behind the Walls -Op-Eds from the Inside

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Misael Santollo- Memorial Unit

Hey guys, it's that time again when Representatives and Senators convene in Austin to make laws. We know this is important to all of us "Residents" as our future depends on Bills being made Laws. Lately, however, it seems to me that most residents aren't doing much about it, like they feel powerless, lost, or worse, don't care. I've met a few of these last ones who don't care. Mostly, their positions stem from ignorance. Someone will say something like, "They'll never pass any of those laws, I've been here twenty-something years, and they've never done it." (as if laws being passed now depended on them being passed before). When these guys say something like that, I just ask questions, "Do you know how laws are made? Do you tell your family to vote? Do you encourage others to tell their families to vote or to contact their Representative/Senator telling them what you want?" The answer is always NO. Well, no wonder you believe that. I think to myself, "You don't understand that the lawmaking process is a public discourse where people from all walks of life voice what they want and don't want. " I'll hear others complain to their buddies about how laws should be passed. Newsflash, your buddy is not the one you should be telling. He already knows. He already agrees. Both of you should be telling the ones who make the laws. As residents, it is hard to tell lawmakers what we want. But it's supposed to be difficult. It is supposed to discourage us, and we're supposed to stay ignorant, or this moneymaking system won't work. For Earned time credit, parole reform, etc... to come about, we need to be active in three areas. First, we need to be educated, just a little, on how laws are made. If you need information, your family can now email it to you. Secondly, it requires engagement in the form of calling, emailing, and raising awareness by educating others. We can now even send a well-written email to our loved ones to forward to ALL Lawmakers at the same time! This is a huge opportunity to share our perspective directly with lawmakers. Lastly, our families need to vote. If a lawmaker doesn't support prison reform, our families need to vote for the ones that do. Why are those that say no still in office? Because our people don't vote! Just ask around. Ask 100 guys this one question: "Does your family vote for lawmakers?" chances are the answer is no. WE, as residents, have failed to be the change we want to see in the world. Our actions MUST align with our desires. But it's never too late to let your voice be heard. WE need to tell our stories. I guarantee you that the ones who don't want these bills to pass ARE DEFINITELY speaking out AGAINST these bills. That's how Democracy works. Our stories have gone unheard for so long. You're a human. You have a voice. Let it be heard!

House Bills

HB 142 Moody Relating to abolishing the death penalty.

HB 156 Moody Relating to hearings by the Board of Pardons and Paroles regarding clemency matters.

HB 168 Moody Relating to the confidentiality of certain information regarding procedures and substances used in the execution of a convict.

HB 180 Moody Relating to requiring a court that sets an execution date to withdraw the execution date on the motion of the prosecuting attorney with jurisdiction over the underlying case.

HB 182 Senfronia Thompson Relating to the authority of a court to terminate the sentence of certain persons released on parole

HB 188 Moody Relating to certain sentencing procedures in a capital case.

HB 205 Moody Relating to an application for a writ of habeas corpus based on certain relevant scientific evidence that was not available at the applicant's trial.

HB 213 Moody Relating to the release on parole of certain inmates convicted of an offense committed when younger than 18 years of age; changing parole eligibility.

HB 247 Senfronia Thompson Relating to the consideration of a subsequent writ of habeas corpus in certain felony cases. (Companion Bill SB 141)

HB 252 Ann Johnson Relating to the eligibility for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information of a criminal defendant who has successfully completed a specialty court program.

HB 270 Senfronia Thompson Relating to post conviction forensic DNA testing.

HB 283 Jarvis Johnson Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

HB 286 Senfronia Thompson Relating to the procedure for an application for a writ of habeas corpus based on certain new evidence.



House Bills cont.

HB 310 Bucy Relating to notification by the secretary of state when a person convicted of a felony may register to vote.

HB 352 Jessica Gonzales Relating to the representation of certain indigent applicants for a writ of habeas corpus.

HB 353 Jarvis Johnson Relating to parole determinations and individual treatment plans for inmates.

HB 355 Senfronia Thompson Relating to qualifications and registration of certain voters convicted of a felony.

HB 381 Thompson Senfronia Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with an intellectual disability.

HB 401 Collier Relating to automatic orders of nondisclosure of criminal history record information for certain misdemeanor defendants who successfully complete a period of community supervision following conviction; authorizing a fee.

HB 462 Meza Relating to certain products made by inmates of a correctional facility.

HB 477 Meza Relating to prohibiting the confinement of inmates by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in facilities operated by private vendors.

HB 501 Wu Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.

HB 517 Johnson Relating to the persons who may provide information to a parole panel considering the release of an inmate on parole or to mandatory supervision. (Companion bill SB 1536)

HB 607 Shaheen Relating to the solicitation of pen pals by certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 727 Rose Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with severe mental illness.

HB 782 Collier Relating to authority of a court to reduce or modify a defendant's sentence.

HB 786 Meza Relating to a report by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on dyslexia and illiteracy among inmates.

HB 823 Allen Relating to the eligibility for an occupational license by certain former inmates and the practice of certain occupations by an inmate of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 828 Dutton Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.

HB 905 Moody Relating to credit toward a defendant's sentence for time confined in jail or prison before sentencing.

HB 909 Moody Relating to the authority of a court to grant a commutation of punishment to certain individuals serving a term of imprisonment.

HB 918 Dutton Relating to abolishing the death penalty.

HB 930 Dutton Relating to the admissibility of hearsay evidence in a hearing for a person charged with a violation of a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 948 Dutton Relating to the release on bail of certain persons charged with a violation of a condition of the person's release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 965 Allen Relating to post-release housing for inmates released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

HB 967 Allen Relating to program accessibility for female inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

HB 1019 Reynolds Relating to the reentry and reintegration programs provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 1064 Sherman Relating to the award of good conduct time to certain inmates; changing parole eligibility.

HB 1375 Geren Relating to enhancing the criminal penalties for certain repeat and habitual offenders.

HB 1446 Cortez Relating to procedures governing declared disasters for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

HB 1449 Collier Relating to certain technical violations of conditions of community supervision

HB 1424 Campos Relating to individual treatment plans for inmates

HB 1524 Sherman Relating to the use of body cameras by corrections officers

HB 1539 Allen Relating to program accessibility for females of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

HB 1618 Moody Relating to the award of good conduct time to certain inmates; changing parole eligibility.

HB 1743 Leach Relating to allowing certain inmates to apply for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to be provided at the time of discharge or release. Companion Bill SB 727 (Senator West)

HB 1811 Hefner Relating to creating the criminal offense of tampering with an electronic monitoring device. (Companion bill SB 1435)

HB 1908 Anchia Relating to the procedure for an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed in certain felony cases.

HB 2043 Bowers Relating to a criminal justice system pretrial and sentencing database established by the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System. (Companion bill SB 875)

HB 2646 Jarvis Johnson Relating to the payment of certain fines and court costs by an inmate during a term of imprisonment or following release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. (Companion bill of SB 2296)



House Bills cont.

HB 2708 Swanson Relating to visitation policies for inmates and state jail felony defendants.

HB 2718 Allen Relating to the composition of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

HB 2749 Romero Jr. Relating to the verification of the veteran status of inmates and prisoners.

HB 2805 Leo-Wilson Relating to the consideration of certain information by a parole panel in determining whether to release an inmate on parole. (THIS IS A BAD BILL Companion bill SB 1067)

HB 2834 Reynolds Relating to minimum compensation for inmates participating in certain work programs.

HB 3075 Kacal Relating to the operation of an unmanned aircraft over a correctional facility or detention facility; creating a criminal offense.

HB 3123 Allen Relating to conditions of community supervision prohibiting contact with certain persons.

HB 3147 Swanson Relating to the detainment and housing of juveniles and inmates based on biological sex.

HB 3158 Leach Relating to occupational licensing of inmates in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 3183 Schatzline Relating to the use of in-custody informant testimony in a criminal trial.

HB 3332 Sherman Relating to the child support obligation of certain obligors who are or were incarcerated.

HB 3375 Garcia Relating to access to communication services for inmates and state jail defendants.

HB 3426 Bryant Relating to providing inmates with state-issued identification on release or discharge.

HB 3464 Kacal Relating to creating the criminal offense of tampering with a correctional facility tablet device.

HB 3527 Sherman Relating to measures to improve community supervision outcomes.

HB 3547 Anchia Relating to the required approval of certain hospital visits as a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision for certain releasees and to the hospital's liability for damages resulting from those visits.

HB 3595 Jolanda Jones Relating to the release on parole of certain inmates convicted of an offense committed when younger than 25 years of age; changing parole eligibility.

HB 3685 Jolanda Jones Relating to the award of time credits to certain persons released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

HB 3739 Klick Relating to the medical transportation and care for certain inmates in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. (Companion bill SB 1146)

HB 3983 Anchia Relating to changing the eligibility for release on parole or to mandatory supervision of a person convicted of certain violent offenses.

HB 4020 Howard Relating to allowing certain inmates to apply for benefits under certain public benefits programs to be provided at the time of discharge or release.

HB 4247 Zwiener Relating to requiring notice regarding the potential eligibility to vote of certain persons convicted of a felony and the duties of a sheriff or jailer relating to elections.

HB 4251 Cook Relating to the provision of postsecondary education to certain inmates in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 4620 Jolanda Jones Relating to minimum compensation for inmates participating in certain work programs.

HB 4837 Ray Lopez Relating to a veteran housing program established by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 4921 Jolanda Jones Relating to the timeline to submit a motion for a new trial to the Court of Criminal

HB 4929 Jolanda Jones Relating to minimum compensation for inmates participating in certain work programs.

HB 4982 Garcia Relating to a veteran housing program established by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 5075 Jolanda Jones Relating to the timeline to submit a motion for a new trial to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

HB 5114 Sherman Relating to the award of work-for-time credits to certain persons placed on community supervision or released on parole or to mandatory supervision.



House Joint Resolutions

HJR 63 Allen Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude.

(Companion resolution SJR 89)

HJR 53 Collier Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to enact laws providing for a district court to reduce or modify a sentence imposing a term of imprisonment for a person who has served not less than 10 years of the term. (Enabling HB 782)

HJR 11 Senfronia Thompson Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to enact laws providing for a court to terminate the sentence of a person who has successfully served the required number of years on parole. (Enabling HB 182)

HJR 59 Moody Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to enact laws providing for a court to grant a commutation of punishment to certain individuals serving a term of imprisonment.

(Enabling HB 909)

Senate Bills

SB 141 West Relating to the consideration of a subsequent writ of

habeas corpus in certain felony cases. Companion Bill HB 247 (Rep. Senfronia Thompson)

SB 383 Zaffirini Relating to the eligibility for an occupational license by certain former inmates and the practice of certain occupations by an inmate of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SB 151 Springer Relating to the possession of certain photographs and images by inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SB 374 Huffman Relating to the period for disposing of a charge that a person violated a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.1



SB 211 Eckhardt Relating to the vote required to release certain inmates on parole.

SB 499 Zaffirini/Perry Relating to automatic orders of nondisclosure of criminal history record information for certain misdemeanor defendants following successful completion of a period of deferred adjudication community supervision.

SB 516 Eckhardt Relating to abolishing the death penalty

SB 517 Eckhardt Relating to qualifications and registration of certain voters convicted of a felony

SB 526 West Relating to requiring prior approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer a degree or certificate program to certain persons who are incarcerated or subject to involuntary civil commitment.

SB 685 Johnson Relating to the procedure for an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed in certain felony cases.

727 West Relating to allowing certain inmates to apply for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to be provided at the time of discharge or release. (Companion bill HB 1743)

SB 774 Parker Relating to the provision of services by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to offenders with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

SB 875 West Relating to a criminal justice system pretrial and sentencing database established by the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System. (Companion bill HB 2043)

SB 1067 Middleton Relating to the consideration of certain information by a parole panel in determining whether to release an inmate on parole. THIS IS A BAD BILL (Companion bill HB 2805)

SB 1092 Parker Relating to the jurisdiction of the supreme court and the court of criminal appeals.

SB 1146 West Relating to the medical transportation and care for certain inmates in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Companion bill HB 3739)

SB 1147 West Relating to vocational training for and the occupational licensing of inmates in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SB 1386 Miles Relating to the creation of the office of independent oversight ombudsman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SB 1435 Hinojosa Relating to creating the criminal offense of tampering with an electronic monitoring device. (Companion bill HB 1811)

SB 1536 Parker Relating to the persons who may provide information to a parole panel considering the release of an inmate on parole or to mandatory supervision. (Companion bill HB 517)

SB 1553 Miles Relating to job interview restrictions for releasees from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SB 1896 Birdwell Relating to the investigation of the death of a person in county jail or in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SB 1924 Miles Relating to the maximum period of community supervision in a misdemeanor case.

SB 2127 Hinojosa Relating to the required approval of certain hospital visits as a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision for certain releasees and to the hospital's liability for damages resulting from those visits.

SB 2158 King Relating to the establishment of an adult education pilot program for certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SB 2296 Gutierrez Relating to the payment of certain fines and court costs by an inmate during a term of imprisonment or following release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. (Companion bill HB 2646)

SB 2382 Miles Relating to the timely processing of certain requests relating to a person released on parole or mandatory supervision

SB 2392 Creighton Relating to the jurisdiction of the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals

This newsletter includes bills that will affect you during your incarceration and after. Please extend us some grace as we do not have enough volunteers to respond to every question, but wanted you to know that you have not been forgotten by the legislators. We will inform you of the bills that become laws.

We continue to accept art submissions and will complete the coffee table book when we have enough to meet the requirements. Please send submissions with a note that states the art is given as a donation to TPCA. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of sharing your talent with the world.