

1-1 By: Burton S.B. No. 390
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 2015; February 2, 2015,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 March 16, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; March 16, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Burton	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Hinojosa	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Perry	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to docket preference for trials in which the alleged
1-18 victim is younger than 14 years of age.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 32A.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 Art. 32A.01. TRIAL PRIORITIES. (a) Insofar as is
1-23 practicable, the trial of a criminal action shall be given
1-24 preference over trials of civil cases, and the trial of a criminal
1-25 action against a defendant who is detained in jail pending trial of
1-26 the action shall be given preference over trials of other criminal
1-27 actions not described by Subsection (b).

1-28 (b) Unless extraordinary circumstances require otherwise,
1-29 the trial of a criminal action in which the alleged victim is
1-30 younger than 14 years of age shall be given preference over other
1-31 matters before the court, whether civil or criminal.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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