

1-1 By: Fallon S.B. No. 719  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 8, 2019; March 1, 2019, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
 1-4 April 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman	X			
1-9 Buckingham	X			
1-10 Flores	X			
1-11 Hughes	X			
1-12 Miles	X			
1-13 Perry			X	

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

1-17 relating to the prosecution of the offense of capital murder.  
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-19 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as Lauren's Law.  
 1-20 SECTION 2. Section 19.03(a), Penal Code, is amended to read  
 1-21 as follows:  
 1-22 (a) A person commits an offense if the person commits murder  
 1-23 as defined under Section 19.02(b)(1) and:  
 1-24 (1) the person murders a peace officer or fireman who  
 1-25 is acting in the lawful discharge of an official duty and who the  
 1-26 person knows is a peace officer or fireman;  
 1-27 (2) the person intentionally commits the murder in the  
 1-28 course of committing or attempting to commit kidnapping, burglary,  
 1-29 robbery, aggravated sexual assault, arson, obstruction or  
 1-30 retaliation, or terroristic threat under Section 22.07(a)(1), (3),  
 1-31 (4), (5), or (6);  
 1-32 (3) the person commits the murder for remuneration or  
 1-33 the promise of remuneration or employs another to commit the murder  
 1-34 for remuneration or the promise of remuneration;  
 1-35 (4) the person commits the murder while escaping or  
 1-36 attempting to escape from a penal institution;  
 1-37 (5) the person, while incarcerated in a penal  
 1-38 institution, murders another:  
 1-39 (A) who is employed in the operation of the penal  
 1-40 institution; or  
 1-41 (B) with the intent to establish, maintain, or  
 1-42 participate in a combination or in the profits of a combination;  
 1-43 (6) the person:  
 1-44 (A) while incarcerated for an offense under this  
 1-45 section or Section 19.02, murders another; or  
 1-46 (B) while serving a sentence of life imprisonment  
 1-47 or a term of 99 years for an offense under Section 20.04, 22.021, or  
 1-48 29.03, murders another;  
 1-49 (7) the person murders more than one person:  
 1-50 (A) during the same criminal transaction; or  
 1-51 (B) during different criminal transactions but  
 1-52 the murders are committed pursuant to the same scheme or course of  
 1-53 conduct;  
 1-54 (8) the person murders an individual under 15 [~~10~~]  
 1-55 years of age; or  
 1-56 (9) the person murders another person in retaliation  
 1-57 for or on account of the service or status of the other person as a  
 1-58 judge or justice of the supreme court, the court of criminal  
 1-59 appeals, a court of appeals, a district court, a criminal district  
 1-60 court, a constitutional county court, a statutory county court, a  
 1-61 justice court, or a municipal court.

2-1 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2-2 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
2-3 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
2-4 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
2-5 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
2-6 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
2-7 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
2-8 before that date.

2-9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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