1-1 By: Geren (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 788 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 12, 2021; 1-3 April 19, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on 1-4 Criminal Justice; May 6, 2021, reported favorably by the following 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 6, 2021, sent to printer.)

- 1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7 Yea Nav Absent PNV 1-8 Whitmire Х 1-9 Х Huffman 1-10 1-11 Bettencourt Х Birdwell Χ 1-12 Hinojosa Х Miles 1-13 Х 1-14 Nichols Χ
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-17 relating to the eligibility of emergency service dispatchers to 1-18 participate in a public safety employees treatment court program. 1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 129.001, Government Code, is amended to 1-21 read as follows:

Sec. 129.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "public safety employee" means a peace officer, firefighter, detention officer, county jailer, [or] emergency medical services employee, or emergency service dispatcher of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

1-27 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a 1-28 person who, on or after the effective date of this Act, enters a 1-29 public safety employees treatment court program created under 1-30 Chapter 129, Government Code, regardless of whether the person 1-31 entering the program committed the offense for which the person 1-32 enters the program before, on, or after the effective date of this 1-33 Act.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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