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

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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

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

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 1-22 1-23 In this chapter, "public safety 1-24 1-25 emergency service dispatcher of this state or a political 1-26 subdivision of this state.

1-27 1-28 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a person who, on or after the effective date of this Act, enters a 1-29 public safety employees treatment court program created under Chapter 129, Government Code, regardless of whether the person entering the program committed the offense for which the person 1-30 1-31 1-32 enters the program before, on, or after the effective date of this 1-33 Act. 1-34

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

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