

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1019
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 30, 2025; February 24, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 March 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; March 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Flores	X			
1-9	Parker	X			
1-10	Hagenbuch	X			
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	King	X			
1-14	Miles	X			

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

1-17 relating to the admissibility of certain hearsay statements in the
1-18 adjudication of certain sexual or assaultive offenses committed
1-19 against a child or a person with a disability.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Sections 54.031(a) and (d), Family Code, are
1-22 amended to read as follows:

1-23 (a) This section applies to a hearing under this title in
1-24 which a child is alleged to be a delinquent child on the basis of a
1-25 violation of any of the following provisions of the Penal Code, if a
1-26 child 18 [12] years of age or younger or a person with a disability
1-27 is the alleged victim of the violation:

1-28 (1) Chapter 21 (Sexual Offenses) or 22 (Assaultive
1-29 Offenses);

1-30 (2) Section 25.02 (Prohibited Sexual Conduct);

1-31 (3) Section 43.25 (Sexual Performance by a Child);

1-32 (4) Section 20A.02(a)(7) or (8) (Trafficking of
1-33 Persons); or

1-34 (5) Section 43.05(a)(2) (Compelling Prostitution).

1-35 (d) In this section, "person with a disability" has the same
1-36 meaning as "disabled individual" as defined by Section 22.04, Penal
1-37 Code ~~[means a person 13 years of age or older who because of age or~~
1-38 ~~physical or mental disease, disability, or injury is substantially~~
1-39 ~~unable to protect the person's self from harm or to provide food,~~
1-40 ~~shelter, or medical care for the person's self].~~

1-41 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
1-42 case in a juvenile court that commences on or after the effective
1-43 date of this Act. A case that commences before the effective date of
1-44 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the case
1-45 commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-46 purpose.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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