## **PROCLAMATION**

## CREATION OF HOUSE INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 17, and Rule 4, Sections 57 and 58, Rules of the House of Representatives, I, Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby create the House Interim Study Committee on Criminal Justice Reform.

## SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP, AUTHORITY, AND DURATION.

The committee shall have 11 members and shall have the same authority and duties conferred on standing committees under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The committee expires on the date the 88th Legislature convenes.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Interim Study Committee on Criminal Justice Reform:

Representative Jeff Leach, Chair Representative Joe Moody, Vice-Chair Representative Rhetta Bowers Representative Brad Buckley Representative Angie Chen Button Representative David Cook

Representative Cole Hefner Representative Eddie Morales Representative Reggie Smith Representative Senfronia Thompson Brett Tolman, Public Member

## **SECTION 2. DUTIES**

The committee is created to examine all elements of state policy that influence intake and outcomes in the state's criminal justice system and make recommendations to protect the safety of all Texans and preserve Texans' constitutional rights to due process of law. The committee shall:

- (1) Monitor the implementation of S.B. 6 (87th Legislature, 2nd Called Session), relating to changes in the state's bail system, to determine if additional legislation is needed to ensure Texans are protected from the most dangerous criminals while ensuring the constitutional rights of defendants;
- (2) Examine the following areas of criminal justice policy:
  - (A) Policing, including training, use of force, arrest procedures, and alternative responses to nonviolent and noncriminal issues;
  - (B) Criminal procedure and due process from initial detention through appeal, including:
    - policies and penalties relating to drug offenses;
    - use of prosecutorial discretion;
    - use and conditions of detention and incarceration;
    - the civil asset forfeiture process; and
    - jury instructions and sentencing guidelines in felony cases;
  - (C) The level of transparency in policing and prosecution, including the grand jury process;
  - (D) The appropriate age range for the juvenile justice system and parole eligibility, in addition to procedures for juveniles certified as adults; and
  - (E) Opportunities to reduce recidivism and remove barriers to re-entry after justice involvement.

**SECTION 3. REPORTING.** The committee shall submit a final report under Rule 4, Section 61, Rules of the House of Representatives.

DADE PHELAN

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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