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## **Texas Criminal Justice Coalition Releases Bill Analysis Guide**

*In-Depth Guide to New Positive Justice Laws Tracks Nearly 40 Bills*

**AUSTIN, TX** — Today, the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) released a guide analyzing positive justice legislation that became law during Texas' 2021 regular session. The majority of bills go into effect on Wednesday, September 1.

The guide, which analyzes both youth and adult justice legislation, is organized by issue area. New laws cover every step of the system from policing and arrest through reentry and family reunification. The laws also apply to school-based practices that aim to prevent the school-to-prison pipeline, plus community-based supports that address substance use and behavioral health issues.

The Bill Analysis Guide is free and available online as both a [PDF](#) and a [set of webpages](#).

“During the 87<sup>th</sup> Session, people from every corner of Texas made their voices heard at the legislature in spite of brand-new challenges, particularly COVID-19,” said **Alycia Castillo, TCJC Policy Analyst**. “TCJC created this guide to cut through the complexity of new legislation and make it as transparent as possible for anyone who wants to see what steps our leaders are taking to address mass incarceration and community wellbeing.”

While these newly passed bills move Texas in the right direction, TCJC acknowledges that the state has far to go to ensure supportive schools, accountable leadership, racial equity, opportunities for redemption, and safe, healthy communities. The organization will continue working to advance these goals during the interim, throughout any special sessions, and at the county level.

### LINKS:

- [Bill analysis guide, PDF](#)
- [Bill analysis guide, website version](#)
- [Blog post tracking moving bills in the Governor's 2021 veto period](#)
- [Justice Progress page with relevant links](#)

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