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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2337:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the admissibility of certain statements made by a child  
3 in a juvenile justice or criminal proceeding.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.095(b), Family Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (b) This section and Section 51.09 do not preclude the  
8 admission of a statement made by the child if:

11 (2) without regard to whether the statement stems from  
12 interrogation of the child under a circumstance described by  
13 Subsection (d), the statement is:

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a statement relating to conduct violating a penal law that occurred on or after the effective date of this Act. A statement relating to conduct violating a penal law that occurred before the

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1 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the  
2 time the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect  
3 for that purpose. For purposes of this section, conduct violating a  
4 penal law occurred before the effective date of this Act if any  
5 element of the violation occurred before that date.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.