

SUBJECT: Designating January 28 as Sexual Assault Survivors Day

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation and Tourism — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — Cyrier, Martinez, Bucy, Gervin-Hawkins, Holland, Jarvis Johnson, Kacal, Morrison, Toth

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Tesia Krzeminski, National Alliance on Mental Illness Austin; Allison Franklin, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition; Pamela McPeters, TexProtects, Texas Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America)

Against — None

DIGEST: HB 2298 would designate January 28 as Sexual Assault Survivors Day in order to bring awareness to the issue of sexual assault and to recognize the courage of survivors throughout the state.

Sexual Assault Survivors Day could be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.