BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, under Texas law, it is possible for a registered sex offender to be released early from community supervision. There are currently three offenses that deny offenders the right to request and receive early termination of community supervision: DWI offenders, state jail felonies, and probation violators. This bill adds any registered sex offender to the list of offenders who are ineligible for requesting or receiving early termination of community supervision.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 31 denies certain sex offenders the ability to request early termination of community supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 20(b), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, to establish that this section does not apply to a defendant convicted of an offense for which on conviction registration as a sex offender is required under Chapter 62.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.