

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF FORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Corrections
Interim Charge #3

TIME & DATE: N/A
Monday, November 16, 2020

PLACE: N/A

CHAIR: Rep. James White

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and difficulty in scheduling public hearings at this time, the committee is conducting necessary oversight functions through an information gathering process under Section 301.014, Government Code.

This is a notice that the House Committee on Corrections is seeking written submissions and input from state agencies and the public on the interim charge listed below. Submissions received in response to this request will be transmitted to members of the committee and posted on the House committee website.

Submission Requirements:

- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word format or Adobe PDF.
- Submissions are requested to be limited to 5 pages in length.
- Submissions must be submitted via email to the Committee Clerk, Roel Benavides, at roel.benavides_hc@house.texas.gov.
- Include the following information in the submission email: submitter name, organization or entity (if applicable), mailing address, email, and telephone number.
- **The deadline for all submissions is Friday, December 4, 2020.**

Interim Charge #3: Examine the current parole revocation warrant ("blue warrant") procedure. Specifically, the committee should consider the monetary costs to the counties; using Risk Assessment Instruments and the Offense Severity Scale to evaluate static and dynamic factors associated with an offender's record in order to escalate high-risk revocation offenders to the Department of Public Safety for immediate detention; and creating an online list providing the number of outstanding "blue warrants" pending per county.
