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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the time period within which a continued custody hearing is required to be held when a child is not released to the care of his parents after the commission of a delinquent act.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 819) provides if a child is not released to the care of his parents, a hearing shall be held by the court within three days after the child's entry into the juvenile detention center or shelter care facility. If the hearing is not held, the child shall be released unless the hearing is continued at the request of the child.

In addition, present law (Ch.C. Art. 114) provides that all Saturdays and Sundays are also considered as legal holidays.

Proposed law amends present law (Ch.C. Art. 819) to provide that if a child is not released to the care of his parents, the hearing shall be set and held by the court within the time period set forth in present law.

Proposed law further provides that the three-day period includes any legal holiday defined by present law (Ch.C. Art. 114). When the last day of the three-day period is a legal holiday, proposed law requires the hearing to be set and held on the next business day following the legal holiday. In no event shall this time period exceed four days, including legal holidays.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 819)