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Pretrial Intervention Defined:

In Texas, prosecutors engage in pretrial intervention (PTI) programs because they hold the exclusive authority to move for dismissal once a defendant successfully completes the program. To properly understand these programs, Texas Government Code [Section 76.011](#) must be read in conjunction with [Articles 102.012 and 102.0121](#) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The statutory roles are distributed as follows:

- **Program Operation:** [Section 76.011\(a\)\(1\)](#) empowers the Community Supervision and Corrections Department to operate PTI programs.
- **Court Referral:** [Article 102.012](#) allows the court to refer defendants to these programs.
- **Prosecutorial Reimbursement:** [Article 102.0121](#) grants county or district attorneys the power to collect a reimbursement fee from participants in programs they help administer.

[Section 16.24](#) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure does not specifically define “pretrial intervention program.” In the absence of a statutory definition, the term is interpreted by its common practice in the Texas legal system (see [Section 311.011 of the Texas Government Code](#)):

- **Pretrial Intervention Defined:** Refers to any program where a prosecutor and defendant enter an agreement, either written or oral, stipulating conditions the defendant must meet to have their charges dismissed.
- **Mandatory TCIC Entry:** If a prosecuting attorney is involved in such a program, Section 16.24 applies.

Purpose of This Guidance

This document was created to assist in understanding and carrying out duties described in Article 16.24, Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP), which are effective April 1, 2026. Senate Bill 9 (89th Legislature) establishes new requirements related to reporting when a defendant is participating in a Pretrial Intervention Program, and reads as follows:

“As soon as practicable but not later than the 10th business day after the date a defendant enters a pretrial intervention program, the attorney representing the state, or the attorney’s designee who is responsible for monitoring the defendant’s compliance with the condition of the program, shall enter information relating to the conditions of the program into the appropriate database of the statewide law enforcement information system maintained by the Department of Public Safety or modify or remove information as appropriate.”

Statutory Authority

Requires the prosecutor's office or a designee of the prosecutor's office to report when a defendant is participating in a pretrial intervention program by entering that information into the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) database for criminal histories and dissemination into the Public Safety Report System (PSRS).

Although the reporting obligation is statutorily assigned to the prosecutor’s office, the statute allows the prosecutor to designate another entity to assist with this requirement. Any designation should be to the entity that supervises the defendant’s participation and monitors compliance with pretrial intervention conditions, thereby maintaining alignment between statutory responsibility and operational oversight. Neither the statute, nor OCA take a position on which entity could serve as a designee. The statute allows flexibility for each jurisdiction to consider available resources, staffing, access to DPS systems and databases, required training, and workflow efficiency when determining whether to designate an entity outside of the prosecutor’s office.

If a defendant enters into a pretrial intervention program pursuant to an agreement with the **County or District Attorney**, the reporting requirements related to pretrial intervention conditions apply regardless of whether the underlying offense is a misdemeanor or felony. The applicability is triggered by the defendant’s placement into a qualifying pretrial intervention program, not by the offense level.

Technical Foundation

Accessing or viewing a criminal history is not the same as having authority to enter or update records. Agencies may have ability and permissions to query criminal histories through DPS connected systems within their offices. However, entering, modifying, or removing records and information will require distinct permissions from DPS and training for those tasked with adding and removing pretrial intervention information.

Historically, prosecutor offices have not routinely entered records and data into criminal history files. Therefore, reporting of pretrial intervention conditions presents a new operational function for many jurisdictions. If your agency already has the ability to run or query criminal history, it is likely that your office already possesses the technical foundation. In most cases, the remaining gaps are training and role-based training/permissions, which DPS can assist with.

Required Information

Pretrial intervention participation is entered into the Supervised Release File, which is accessed through DPS systems that connect to TLETS information sources such as TCIC and NCIC. Records must be entered no later than the 10th business day after the defendant enters the pretrial intervention program. Records must also be modified or removed when and if appropriate (example: termination or successful completion).

The Supervised Release File is a computerized database maintained by the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) that contains records for individuals currently under court-ordered supervision, including probation (straight or deferred adjudication), parole, supervised release, and pretrial supervision or intervention.

Required DPS Training

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- Prosecutors or their designee entering these records **MUST** complete required training. (TCIC Full Access & CJIS Security Awareness)
- Pretrial Intervention Program records must be entered into the NCIC Supervised Release file no later than the 10th business day of the defendant entering a program using the State's Attorney's ORI.
- Records must be modified or removed, as appropriate.

Required Training

TCIC Full Access

Individuals entering supervised release information must complete the TCIC Full Access Training within **six months** of access.

TCIC Full Access is a three-day, in-person class. Training availability can be found here: <https://txletstraining.dps.texas.gov/nexstest>

Use your TLETS User ID and password to sign in to view.

NOTE: When attending any DPS class, users are **required** to create a Cornerstone ID for training record-keeping and tracking purposes. Failure to comply will result in removal of system access.

CJIS Security Awareness

Individuals accessing criminal justice information must complete CJIS Security Awareness Training (SAT) prior to access and annually thereafter.

CJIS SAT can be accessed here: <https://www.cjisonline.com/>

For questions on how to obtain/access the CJIS SAT, please contact security.committee@dps.texas.gov

Don't have a TLETS User ID?

Individuals that do not have a current TLETS User ID, must have one requested by their Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) or Agency Head using the appropriate forms.

The TAC or Agency Head will complete the Crime Records Agency Access and Contact form along with the TLETS User Request Form (URF) which can be found on nexTEST Launch Pad here: <https://txletstraining.dps.texas.gov/launchpad/> and submit to TLETS at TLETS.URF@dps.texas.gov

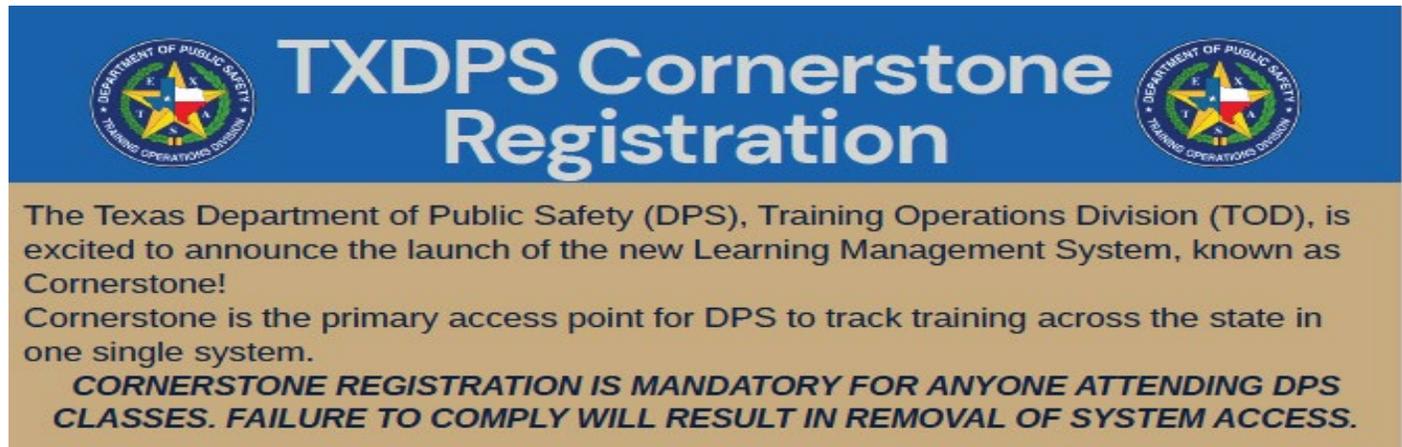
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Additional DPS Information

DPS training participants must set up a user profile in Cornerstone, the primary access point for DPS to track training across the state.



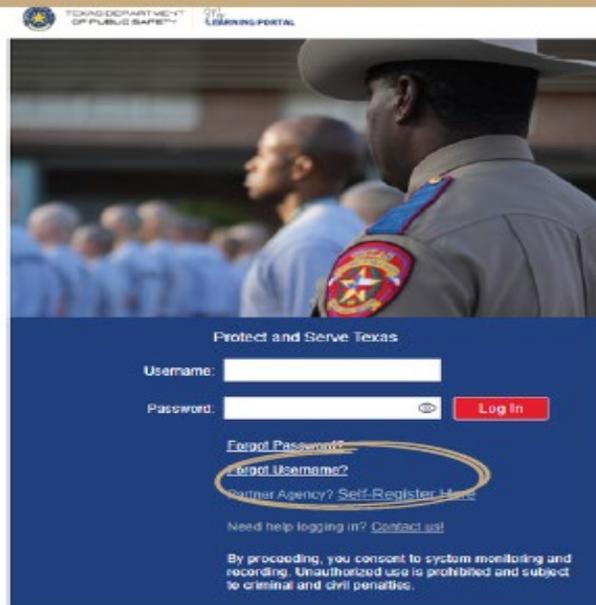
The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Training Operations Division (TOD), is excited to announce the launch of the new Learning Management System, known as Cornerstone!

Cornerstone is the primary access point for DPS to track training across the state in one single system.

CORNERSTONE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR ANYONE ATTENDING DPS CLASSES. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL OF SYSTEM ACCESS.

Cornerstone Registration Steps

- Go to [TXDPS | My Learning Portal](#)
- Select “Self Register.”
 - Provide your name, email address, date of birth, personal identification number (PID), agency, etc.
 - For Department, click on icon and search for your agency, if not shown, select “Outside Agency.”
 - For Agency Type, select “Other.”
 - Choose a password that aligns with the requirements
 - and Submit
- Within 24 hours, you will receive an email from TOD stating you’ve been registered in Cornerstone.



Cornerstone Website & QR Code

<https://txdpslcms.csod.com/login/>



To retrieve your Cornerstone ID, you will need to log in to the system **after** receiving the confirmation email from TOD.

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