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 A bill passed Tuesday would require anyone convicted of a felony and sentenced to probation to submit a DNA sample. Texas currently requires samples from offenders sent to prison.
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The bill by Republican Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston also would add those who receive deferred adjudication in felony cases. Patrick said the measure would give law enforcement a much larger DNA database to help solve crimes and to clear innocent people suspected of crimes. The bill now goes to the House, which is considering a similar bill.

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