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S.B. No. 67

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to air conditioning requirements at facilities operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.028 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.028. AIR CONDITIONING REQUIREMENTS AT DEPARTMENT FACILITIES. The department shall ensure that each cellblock, dormitory, and common area in a facility operated by the department is equipped with an air conditioning unit that is operating to maintain the air temperature at not less than 65 degrees Fahrenheit or more than 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is not required to comply with the requirements of Section 501.028, Government Code, as added by this Act, unless the legislature appropriates money specifically for this purpose during the 89th Texas Legislative Session. If the Legislature does appropriate money for this purpose during the 89th Texas Legislative Session, The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is not required to comply with the requirements of Section 501.028, Government Code, as added by this Act, until September 1, 2027.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.