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H.B. No. 484

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to suicide prevention in municipal jails.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 361, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 361.902 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.902. SUICIDE PREVENTION IN MUNICIPAL JAIL. (a) A municipal jail shall:

(1) provide two hours of training to each jailer or person responsible for the supervision of a person confined in the jail on the procedures for identifying, documenting, and handling a person who is potentially suicidal or has a mental health condition;

(2) conduct and document mental health screenings during the intake process;

(3) house in a cell with cameras any person who is identified as potentially suicidal;

(4) regularly check on each person described by Subdivision (3); and

(5) report to the attorney general, in the manner prescribed by the attorney general, any incident involving the suicide or attempted suicide of a person confined in the jail not later than 48 hours after the incident.

(b) The attorney general may use the information reported under Subsection (a)(5) only for purposes of data collection and

1 analysis.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.