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H.B. No. 812

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limitations on the use of administrative segregation by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.115 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.115. LIMITATION ON USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION. (a) In this section, "serious bodily injury" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the department may not confine an inmate in administrative segregation for more than three consecutive days based on misconduct by the inmate.

(c) The department may confine an inmate in administrative segregation for not more than 10 consecutive days for engaging in conduct that resulted in serious bodily injury to another person.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to any inmate who is confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the inmate is confined occurred before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.