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H.B. No. 1355

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to air conditioning requirements at facilities operated by  
3 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

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

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

13 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is not  
14 required to comply with the requirements of Section 501.028,  
15 Government Code, as added by this Act, until September 1, 2025.

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