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H.B. No. 2201

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to housing certain inmates in state jail felony
3 facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 507.006(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
8 the state jail division, with the approval of the board, may
9 designate one or more state jail felony facilities [~~or discrete~~
10 ~~areas within one or more state jail felony facilities~~] to treat
11 inmates who are eligible for confinement in a substance abuse
12 felony punishment facility under Section 493.009 or to house
13 inmates who are sentenced to imprisonment in the institutional
14 division, but only if the designation does not deny placement in a
15 state jail felony facility of defendants required to serve terms of
16 confinement in a facility following conviction of state jail
17 felonies. The division may not house in a state jail felony
18 facility an inmate who:

19 (1) has a history of or has shown a pattern of violent
20 or assaultive behavior in county jail or a facility operated by the
21 department; or

22 (2) will increase the likelihood of harm to the public
23 if housed in the facility.

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