

1-1 By: Canales (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 2201
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;
1-3 May 15, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| 1-7 | | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 | Whitmire | X | | | |
| 1-9 | Flores | X | | | |
| 1-10 | Bettencourt | X | | | |
| 1-11 | Hinojosa | X | | | |
| 1-12 | Huffman | X | | | |
| 1-13 | King | X | | | |
| 1-14 | Miles | X | | | |

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to housing certain inmates in state jail felony
1-18 facilities.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 507.006(a), Government Code, is amended
1-21 to read as follows:

1-22 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
1-23 the state jail division, with the approval of the board, may
1-24 designate one or more state jail felony facilities ~~[or discrete~~
1-25 ~~areas within one or more state jail felony facilities]~~ to treat
1-26 inmates who are eligible for confinement in a substance abuse
1-27 felony punishment facility under Section 493.009 or to house
1-28 inmates who are sentenced to imprisonment in the institutional
1-29 division, but only if the designation does not deny placement in a
1-30 state jail felony facility of defendants required to serve terms of
1-31 confinement in a facility following conviction of state jail
1-32 felonies. The division may not house in a state jail felony
1-33 facility an inmate who:

1-34 (1) has a history of or has shown a pattern of violent
1-35 or assaultive behavior in county jail or a facility operated by the
1-36 department; or

1-37 (2) will increase the likelihood of harm to the public
1-38 if housed in the facility.

1-39 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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