

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1146
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2023; March 9, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 May 1, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 1, 2023, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1146 By: Flores

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the medical transportation and care for certain inmates
 1-20 in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Sections 501.0515 and 501.071 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 501.0515. PROCEDURES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FEMALE
 1-25 INMATES FOR MEDICAL CARE. The department shall establish
 1-26 procedures to be used during the regularly scheduled transportation
 1-27 of female inmates for nonemergency medical care to The University
 1-28 of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston or another medical facility
 1-29 that provides medical services for inmates. The procedures must
 1-30 ensure that:

1-31 (1) any searches conducted are performed in an area
 1-32 and manner that conforms with the requirements of the Prison Rape
 1-33 Elimination Act of 2003 (34 U.S.C. Section 30301 et seq.) and any
 1-34 regulation adopted under that Act;

1-35 (2) buses used to transport female inmates are
 1-36 equipped with bathrooms and have an adequate supply of toilet paper
 1-37 and feminine hygiene products as defined by Section 501.0675 for
 1-38 the inmates being transported;

1-39 (3) female inmates receive sufficient food and
 1-40 nutrition in accordance with medical or nutritional standards as
 1-41 determined by the department; and

1-42 (4) facilities used to house female inmates overnight
 1-43 while being transported have an adequate number of beds for the
 1-44 inmates being transported.

1-45 Sec. 501.071. ACCESS TO TELEMEDICINE AND TELEHEALTH
 1-46 SERVICES AND ON-SITE MEDICAL CARE. The department, in conjunction
 1-47 with The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and the
 1-48 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, shall establish
 1-49 procedures to increase opportunities and expand access to
 1-50 telemedicine medical services and telehealth services, as those
 1-51 terms are defined by Section 111.001, Occupations Code, and on-site
 1-52 medical care for inmates, including on-site mobile care units that
 1-53 provide diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, and other
 1-54 appropriate mobile health services.

1-55 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2023, the Texas
 1-56 Department of Criminal Justice shall establish the procedures
 1-57 required by Sections 501.0515 and 501.071, Government Code, as
 1-58 added by this Act.

1-59 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2024, the Texas
 1-60 Department of Criminal Justice shall submit a report to the

2-1 legislature on the department's progress in increasing
2-2 opportunities and expanding access to telemedicine medical
2-3 services and telehealth services and on-site medical care for
2-4 inmates under Section 501.071, Government Code, as added by this
2-5 Act, including a summary of the procedures established under that
2-6 section and the number of inmates who received services or care
2-7 under those procedures.

2-8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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