

1-1 By: Hodge (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 28
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 7, 2003;
1-3 April 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 21, 2003, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to rehabilitation programs for defendants housed in state
1-9 jail felony facilities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 507, Government Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 507.033 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 507.033. REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. (a) The state jail
1-14 division may allow a defendant who is capable of serving as a tutor
1-15 to tutor functionally illiterate defendants and shall actively
1-16 encourage volunteer organizations to aid in the tutoring of
1-17 defendants. A person who acts as a tutor may function only as a
1-18 teacher and advisor to a defendant and may not exercise supervisory
1-19 authority or control over the defendant.

1-20 (b) The state jail division shall actively encourage
1-21 volunteer organizations to provide the following programs for
1-22 defendants who are housed in facilities operated by or under
1-23 contract with the division:

1-24 (1) literacy and education programs;

1-25 (2) life skills programs;

1-26 (3) job skills programs;

1-27 (4) parent-training programs;

1-28 (5) drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs;

1-29 (6) support group programs;

1-30 (7) arts and crafts programs; and

1-31 (8) other programs determined by the division to aid
1-32 defendants confined in state jail felony facilities in the
1-33 transition from confinement or supervision back into society and to
1-34 reduce incidents of recidivism among defendants.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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