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H.B. No. 31

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the provision of educational services to certain
3 inmates imprisoned in the institutional division of the Texas
4 Department of Criminal Justice.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 501.020 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 501.020. IN-CELL EDUCATION. The department shall
9 establish a policy to provide in-cell education to an inmate
10 confined in administrative segregation if:

11 (1) the inmate would benefit from the education; and

12 (2) the education can be provided to the inmate in a
13 way that does not pose a threat to the health or safety of any
14 department staff member or other inmate.

15 SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice
16 shall establish the policy required by Section 501.020, Government
17 Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2003.

18 (b) This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote
19 of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided
20 by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does
21 not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes
22 effect September 1, 2003.