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H.B. No. 1660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the placement of video camera surveillance systems in  
3 county jails.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 351, Local Government  
6 Code, is amended by adding Sections 351.016 and 351.017 to read as  
7 follows:

8 Sec. 351.016. VIDEO CAMERA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM. Not later  
9 than June 1, 2008, each county jail must install and operate a video  
10 camera surveillance system that records video images in each jail  
11 corridor, solitary confinement cell, suicide watch cell, kitchen,  
12 and dining area or other common area.

13 Sec. 351.017. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE ON SURVEILLANCE  
14 SYSTEMS. (a) Not later than February 1, 2005, the Commission on  
15 Jail Standards shall submit to the presiding officer of each house  
16 of the legislature a report that describes changes in technology  
17 affecting the installation of video camera surveillance systems  
18 described by Section 351.016, sources of revenue available to  
19 counties to pay for the surveillance systems, and areas in county  
20 jails not described by Section 351.016 that nonetheless should be  
21 monitored by surveillance systems.

22 (b) This section expires February 2, 2005.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.