

1-1 By: Flores (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1660
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2003;
1-3 May 20, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 24, 2003, reported favorably, as amended, by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Hinojosa

1-7 Amend H.B. No. 1660 on page 2, between lines 1 and 2, by
1-8 inserting a new subsection (b), Section 351.016, Local Government
1-9 Code, to read as follows and redesignating existing Subsection (b)
1-10 of that Subsection (c):

1-11 (b) The Commission on Jail Standards shall include in the
1-12 report submitted under Subsection (a) information stating by
1-13 county:

1-14 (1) the number of suicides committed by inmates
1-15 confined in the county jail;

1-16 (2) the number of assaults committed against inmates
1-17 confined in the county jail;

1-18 (3) the number of assaults committed by inmates
1-19 confined in the county jail against the sheriff or an officer or
1-20 employee of the county jail;

1-21 (4) the number of lawsuits filed against the county as
1-22 a result of suicides and assaults;

1-23 (5) the costs incurred by the county in defending
1-24 those lawsuits; and

1-25 (6) the judgments awarded against the county in those
1-26 lawsuits.

1-27 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-28 AN ACT

1-29 relating to a report to the legislature regarding the installation
1-30 and operation of video camera surveillance systems in county jails.

1-31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-32 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 351, Local Government
1-33 Code, is amended by adding Section 351.016 to read as follows:

1-34 Sec. 351.016. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE ON VIDEO CAMERA
1-35 SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS. (a) Not later than December 1, 2004, the
1-36 Commission on Jail Standards shall submit to the presiding officer
1-37 of each house of the legislature and to the presiding officer of the
1-38 standing committee of the house of representatives having primary
1-39 jurisdiction over county affairs a report that describes:

1-40 (1) the feasibility of installing and operating in
1-41 county jails video camera surveillance systems that record video
1-42 images in each jail corridor, solitary confinement cell, suicide
1-43 watch cell, kitchen, and dining area or other common area;

1-44 (2) the probability and nature of changes in
1-45 technology affecting the installation and operation of systems
1-46 described by Subdivision (1);

1-47 (3) potential sources of revenue available to counties
1-48 to pay for video camera surveillance systems, including jail
1-49 commissary proceeds and possible increases in court costs;

1-50 (4) areas in county jails not described by Subdivision
1-51 (1) that nonetheless should be monitored by surveillance systems;
1-52 and

1-53 (5) the feasibility of implementing and using other
1-54 cost-effective means to address the issues presenting an apparent
1-55 need for video camera surveillance systems, such as:

1-56 (A) a system ensuring that medical records
1-57 accompany inmates at each stage of incarceration;

1-58 (B) a system of separating inmates according to
1-59 offense seriousness;

1-60 (C) a program to identify inmates with illnesses
1-61 or with suicidal tendencies; and

1-62 (D) a program to provide individual counseling to

2-1 inmates on their admission to jail.

2-2 (b) This section expires December 2, 2004.

2-3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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