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H.B. No. 1852

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the imprisonment and treatment of inmates serving
3 prison sentences for driving while intoxicated offenses and similar
4 offenses under Chapter 49, Penal Code.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 495, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 495.009 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 495.009. CONTRACTS FOR DWI FACILITIES. (a) Not later
9 than June 1, 2004, the board shall convert two units operated by the
10 department into facilities operated for the department by a private
11 vendor or county.

12 (b) Each unit converted under Subsection (a) must have a
13 capacity of at least 1,400 beds.

14 (c) The facilities operated under contracts entered into
15 under this section may only house inmates serving sentences for
16 offenses under Chapter 49, Penal Code.

17 (d) The board shall ensure that contracts entered into under
18 this section require the private vendor or county to provide
19 treatment programs designed specifically to rehabilitate inmates
20 convicted of felony offenses involving driving while intoxicated or
21 similar offenses under Chapter 49, Penal Code.

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