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H.B. No. 1653

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the approval, certification, and oversight of the
3 private sector prison industries program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 497.051(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The Private Sector Prison Industries Oversight
8 Authority is created to approve, certify, and oversee the operation
9 of private sector prison industries programs in this state [~~the~~
10 ~~department, the Texas Youth Commission, and in county correctional~~
11 ~~facilities~~] in compliance with the federal prison enhancement
12 certification program established under 18 U.S.C. Section 1761.
13 The executive director shall provide the authority with clerical
14 and technical support as necessary for the authority to perform
15 duties imposed on the authority by this subchapter and shall ensure
16 that the department implements the policies adopted by the
17 authority that relate to the operation of private sector prison
18 industries programs.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.