

Amend CSSB 909 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS:

SECTION _____. Section 508.146, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

(d) The Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments and the ~~[Texas]~~ Department of Aging and Disability ~~[Human]~~ Services shall jointly request proposals from public or private vendors to provide under contract services for inmates released on medically recommended intensive supervision. A request for proposals under this subsection may require that the services be provided in a medical care facility located in an urban area. ~~[For the purposes of this subsection, "urban area" means the area in this state within a metropolitan statistical area, according to the standards of the United States Bureau of the Census.]~~

(g) The Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments and the Department of Aging and Disability Services may jointly:

(1) with a real estate investment trust, enter into a lease agreement 20 or fewer years in length to finance, design, and build in a county contiguous to an urban area a medical facility to house inmates released on medically recommended intensive supervision under this section; and

(2) contract with a private vendor to provide treatment services at a facility described by Subdivision (1).

(h) In this section, "urban area" means the area in this state within a metropolitan statistical area, according to the standards of the United States Bureau of the Census.

(i) for purposes of this section, the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments shall be construed to be providing technical assistance to ensure that the State of Texas receive credit for Medicare funding.