

1-1 By: Hodge, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 47
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2007;
1-3 May 14, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the provision of educational services to certain
1-9 inmates imprisoned in the institutional division of the Texas
1-10 Department of Criminal Justice.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 501.020 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 501.020. IN-CELL EDUCATION. The department may
1-15 establish a policy to provide in-cell education to an inmate
1-16 confined in administrative segregation if:

1-17 (1) the inmate would benefit from the education; and

1-18 (2) the education can be provided to the inmate in a
1-19 way that does not pose a threat to the health or safety of any
1-20 department staff member or other inmate.

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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