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H.B. No. 198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the capacity of certain correctional facilities  
3 operated under contracts between the Texas Board of Criminal  
4 Justice and a private vendor or county commissioners court.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 495.001(b), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) A facility operated, maintained, and managed under this  
9 subchapter by a private vendor or county must:

10 (1) hold not more than an average daily population of  
11 1,500 [~~1,000~~] inmates;

12 (2) comply with federal constitutional standards and  
13 applicable court orders; and

14 (3) receive and retain, as an individual facility,  
15 accreditation from the American Correctional Association.

16 SECTION 2. Section 495.007, Government Code, is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 495.007. LIMITATION. The board may not enter into  
19 contracts under this subchapter for more than 5,580 [~~4,580~~] beds.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.