

1-1 By: Madden (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 198
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2007;
1-3 April 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 10, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 10, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the capacity of certain correctional facilities
1-9 operated under contracts between the Texas Board of Criminal
1-10 Justice and a private vendor or county commissioners court.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 495.001(b), Government Code, is amended
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 (b) A facility operated, maintained, and managed under this
1-15 subchapter by a private vendor or county must:

1-16 (1) hold not more than an average daily population of
1-17 1,150 [~~1,000~~] inmates;

1-18 (2) comply with federal constitutional standards and
1-19 applicable court orders; and

1-20 (3) receive and retain, as an individual facility,
1-21 accreditation from the American Correctional Association.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 495.007, Government Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 495.007. LIMITATION. The board may not enter into
1-25 contracts under this subchapter for more than 5,580 [~~4,580~~] beds.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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