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H.B. No. 199

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to a residential infant care program for mothers confined  
3 in Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 501.022 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 501.022. INFANT CARE AND PARENTING. The department  
8 shall implement a residential infant care and parenting program for  
9 mothers who are confined by the department. To the extent  
10 practicable, the department shall model the program after the  
11 Federal Bureau of Prisons' Mothers and Infants Together program  
12 operated under contract in Fort Worth.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.