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H.B. No. 429

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of the expenses of health care for certain elderly inmates.

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

SECTION 1. INMATE HEALTH CARE STUDY. (a) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall conduct a study to determine the number of inmates 55 years of age or older who:

(1) receive health care services from the department; and

(2) have never been convicted of or received a grant of deferred adjudication for an offense described by Section 3g, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(b) After determining the number of inmates described by Subsection (a), the department shall determine the amount of savings that would result to the state in health care services costs if the department were to release the inmates into the community on parole.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2008, the department shall submit a report to the legislature regarding the results of the study conducted under this section.

SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.