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S.B. No. 1428

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the arrest and commitment of certain individuals  
3 arrested under a warrant issued because of a violation of the  
4 conditions of parole.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Article 15.19, Code of Criminal  
7 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) If the arrested person [~~accused~~] fails or refuses to  
9 give bail, as provided in [~~the preceding~~] Article 15.18, the  
10 arrested person [~~he~~] shall be committed to the jail of the county  
11 where the person [~~he~~] was arrested; and the magistrate committing  
12 the arrested person [~~him~~] shall immediately provide notice to  
13 [~~notify~~] the sheriff of the county in which the offense is alleged  
14 to have been committed regarding:

15 (1) [~~of~~] the arrest and commitment, which notice may  
16 be given by telegraph, [~~by~~] mail, or [~~by~~] other written means; and

17 (2) whether the person was also arrested under a  
18 warrant issued under Section 508.251, Government Code [~~notice~~].

19 SECTION 2. Article 15.20, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Art. 15.20. DUTY OF SHERIFF RECEIVING  
22 NOTICE. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the [~~The~~] sheriff  
23 receiving the notice of arrest and commitment under Article 15.19  
24 shall forthwith go or send for the arrested person [~~prisoner~~] and

1 have the arrested person [~~him~~] brought before the proper court or  
2 magistrate.

3 (b) A sheriff who receives notice under Article 15.19(a)(2)  
4 of a warrant issued under Section 508.251, Government Code, shall  
5 have the arrested person brought before the proper magistrate or  
6 court before the 11th day after the date the person is committed to  
7 the jail of the county in which the person was arrested.

8 SECTION 3. Article 15.21, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Art. 15.21. PRISONER DISCHARGED IF NOT TIMELY DEMANDED. If  
11 the proper office of the county where the offense is alleged to have  
12 been committed does not demand the arrested person [~~prisoner~~] and  
13 take charge of the arrested person before the 11th day after the  
14 date the person [~~him within ten days from the day he~~] is committed  
15 to the jail of the county in which the person is arrested, the  
16 arrested person [~~such prisoner~~] shall be discharged from custody.

17 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
18 to a person who, on or after the effective date of this Act, is  
19 arrested under a warrant, regardless of the date on which the  
20 warrant under which the person is arrested was issued.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.