

Amend **HB 1914** (Senate committee printing) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Authority" means the Private Sector Prison Industries Oversight Authority established under Subchapter C, Chapter 497, Government Code.

(2) "Department" means the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The authority and the department shall jointly conduct a study regarding the operation and modernization of the private sector prison industries program under Subchapter C, Chapter 497, Government Code. In conducting the study, the authority and the department shall examine whether:

(1) the operation of private sector prison industries programs in this state causes a loss of existing jobs for employees in this state who are not incarcerated or imprisoned;

(2) new requirements are necessary to ensure that private sector prison industries programs are operated in a manner that is designed to avoid the loss of existing jobs for employees in this state who are not incarcerated or imprisoned;

(3) a governmental entity, before entering into a contract with an employer for a private sector prison industries program, should be required to notify legislators, local officials, and labor and business leaders of the contract;

(4) a contract entered into by a governmental entity concerning a private sector prison industries program should be required to include:

(A) specific job descriptions for any work that will be performed by participants under the contract; and

(B) a specific description of any product that will be manufactured under the contract;

(5) contracts concerning a private sector prison industries program should be made available on a publicly accessible Internet website;

(6) the statutory limitation on the overall number of participants in private sector prison industries programs should be lowered; and

(7) the private sector prison industries expansion account established under Section 497.056, Government Code, should be used to construct work facilities for private sector prison industries programs.

(b) The authority and the department may contract with any appropriate person or entity to assist in conducting the study under this section.

SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2010, the authority and the department shall jointly report the results of the study conducted under this Act to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing committees in the senate and the house of representatives that have primary jurisdiction over corrections. The report may include recommendations for legislation to address any areas of concern raised by the study.

SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires October 1, 2010.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.