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S.B. No. 425

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to develop and use an operations manual for maintaining certain environmental conditions inside certain confinement facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.020 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.020. OPERATIONS MANUAL; TEMPERATURE LOG. (a) The department shall develop and use an operations manual that describes the standards and procedures to be followed for maintaining satisfactory environmental conditions inside each facility operated by or under contract with the department for the confinement of inmates.

(b) The operations manual must include heat management protocols and must require that a daily temperature log indicating the temperature recorded at various times of the day be kept at each of the facilities described by Subsection (a).

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall develop and use an operations manual that meets the requirements of this section with respect to each state jail felony facility operated by or under contract with the department.

SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall develop and begin using the operations manual required under Section 501.020, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later

1    than January 1, 2010.

2           SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  If this  
5   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6   Act takes effect September 1, 2009.