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H.B. No. 3766

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of proceeds from a county jail's commissary
3 operation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 351.0415(c) and (g), Local Government
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The sheriff or the sheriff's designee may use commissary
8 proceeds only to:

9 (1) fund, staff, and equip a program addressing the
10 social needs of the inmates, including an educational or
11 recreational program and religious or rehabilitative counseling;

12 (2) supply inmates with clothing, writing materials,
13 and hygiene supplies;

14 (3) establish, staff, and equip the commissary
15 operation and fund the salaries of staff responsible for managing
16 the inmates' commissary accounts;

17 (4) fund, staff, and equip both an educational and a
18 law library for the educational use of inmates; ~~[or]~~

19 (5) fund physical plant improvements, technology,
20 equipment, programs, services, and activities that provide for the
21 well-being, health, safety, and security of the inmates and the
22 facility; or

23 (6) pay fees to the Commission on Jail Standards under
24 Section 511.0091, Government Code.

1 (g) Commissary proceeds may be used only for the purposes
2 described in Subsection (c). Except as provided by Subsection
3 (c)(6), a [A] commissioners court may not use commissary proceeds
4 to fund the budgetary operating expenses of a county jail.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.