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S.B. No. 954

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of certain counties to appoint, contract
3 for, or employ physicians, dentists, or other health care providers
4 for county jails.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 351, Local Government
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 351.045 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 351.045. EMPLOYMENT OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN
9 CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) The commissioners court of a county with a
10 population of 3.3 million or more may appoint, contract for, or
11 employ licensed physicians, dentists, or other health care
12 providers to provide health care services to inmates in the custody
13 of the sheriff.

14 (b) This section may not be construed as authorizing a
15 commissioners court to supervise or control the practice of
16 medicine as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, or
17 to supervise or control the practice of dentistry as prohibited by
18 Subtitle D, Title 3, Occupations Code.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.