

1-1 By: Gallegos S.B. No. 954
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2011; March 8, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 April 21, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 21, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of certain counties to appoint, contract
1-9 for, or employ physicians, dentists, or other health care providers
1-10 for county jails.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 351, Local Government
1-13 Code, is amended by adding Section 351.045 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 351.045. EMPLOYMENT OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN
1-15 CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) The commissioners court of a county with a
1-16 population of 3.3 million or more may appoint, contract for, or
1-17 employ licensed physicians, dentists, or other health care
1-18 providers to provide health care services to inmates in the custody
1-19 of the sheriff.

1-20 (b) This section may not be construed as authorizing a
1-21 commissioners court to supervise or control the practice of
1-22 medicine as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, or
1-23 to supervise or control the practice of dentistry as prohibited by
1-24 Subtitle D, Title 3, Occupations Code.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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