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H.B. No. 32

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an interim study on the Evins Regional Juvenile Center
3 in Edinburg.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The executive director of the Texas Juvenile
6 Justice Department shall create a committee composed of employees
7 of the department to conduct an interim study on the conditions at
8 and operation of the Evins Regional Juvenile Center in Edinburg.

9 (b) The committee shall prepare a report that includes:

10 (1) a summary of the incidents of violence, abuse,
11 neglect, exploitation, or other misconduct or criminal activity
12 occurring or alleged to have occurred at the facility in the
13 preceding 10 years;

14 (2) the response of the facility to the incidents or
15 allegations of violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation, or other
16 misconduct or criminal activity, including steps taken by the
17 facility to:

18 (A) implement the remedial measures prescribed
19 by the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of
20 Justice in March 2007;

21 (B) investigate the events leading to the arrest
22 of officers in June 2013 and, as necessary, implement measures to
23 prevent future similar incidents; and

24 (C) enforce other facility and Texas Juvenile

1 Justice Department policies to prevent and address violence, abuse,
2 neglect, exploitation, or other misconduct or criminal activity in
3 the facility; and

4 (3) recommendations for improving conditions at the
5 facility.

6 (c) The committee shall submit the report under this section
7 to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
8 representatives, and appropriate standing committees of the
9 legislature not later than December 1, 2014.

10 SECTION 2. This Act expires June 1, 2015.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
16 legislative session.