

Amend CSSB 213 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0101 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0101. STUDY OF VISITATION POLICIES; REPORT. (a) The department shall conduct a study of the state jail division's visitation policies under Section 507.030(b) and the institutional division's visitation policies under Section 501.010(b). The study may include a review and consideration of policies to strengthen family relations, including:

(1) expanding child-friendly areas; and

(2) notifying individuals who are eligible to visit an offender when visitation has been canceled or rescheduled.

(b) Not later than December 31, 2014, the department shall report the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over the department.

(c) This section expires February 1, 2015.