



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S. S.B. No. 213 (house committee printing) by
2 adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. (a) In this section, "department" means the
5 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

6 (b) The Criminal Justice Legislative Oversight Committee
7 shall appoint an independent third party to conduct a review of the
8 department's policies and procedures regarding the use of
9 administrative segregation and related statistics, including:

10 (1) classification to administrative segregation and
11 release from administrative segregation;

12 (2) security threat group classification;

13 (3) notification of release and release procedures;

14 (4) access of inmates confined in administrative
15 segregation to:

16 (A) mental health services;

17 (B) health care services;

18 (C) substance abuse programs and services;

19 (D) reentry resources and transitional programs
20 and services;

21 (E) programs and services for inmates who are
22 veterans; and

23 (F) other programs and services that are
24 available to the general inmate population;

25 (5) the number of inmates confined in administrative
26 segregation who were younger than 21 years of age;

27 (6) the number of inmates confined in administrative
28 segregation who were referred to mental health professionals;

29 (7) the average length of time inmates were

1 continuously confined in administrative segregation; and

2 (8) the rate of recidivism among inmates who were
3 confined in administrative segregation at any time before the
4 inmates' release or discharge from the department.

5 (c) Not later than December 31, 2014, the independent third
6 party shall provide a report of the third party's findings and
7 recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
8 speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing
9 legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over criminal
10 justice matters. At a minimum, the report must contain detailed
11 recommendations to:

12 (1) reduce the administrative segregation population
13 in facilities operated by or under contract with the department;

14 (2) divert inmates with mental illness from
15 administrative segregation; and

16 (3) decrease the length of time inmates are confined
17 in administrative segregation in facilities operated by or under
18 contract with the department.

19 (d) Chapter 552, Government Code, applies to:

20 (1) the review conducted by the independent third
21 party under this section and all information gathered and analyzed
22 for that review, including background research and any report or
23 summary; and

24 (2) the report submitted by the independent third
25 party under Subsection (c).

26 (e) This section expires February 1, 2015.