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H.B. No. 3533

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to notifying the next of kin of a person confined in the  
3 Texas Department of Criminal Justice of a change in the person's  
4 eligibility to receive visitors.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 501.010, Government Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) The uniform visitation policy must require that, if an  
9 inmate in a warden's facility has provided the warden with the  
10 e-mail address or telephone number of the inmate's next of kin, the  
11 warden shall notify the next of kin of any change in the inmate's  
12 eligibility to receive visitors.

13 SECTION 2. Section 507.030(b), Government Code, is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 (b) The state jail division shall establish a visitation  
16 policy for persons confined in state jail felony facilities. The  
17 policy must require that, if a person confined in a state jail  
18 felony facility has provided the facility's warden with the e-mail  
19 address or telephone number of the person's next of kin, the warden  
20 shall notify the next of kin of any change in the person's  
21 eligibility to receive visitors.

22 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas  
23 Department of Criminal Justice shall make changes to the  
24 department's policies under Sections 501.010(b) and 507.030(b),

1 Government Code, as necessary to comply with this Act.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.