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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a mental health assessment of certain inmates of the
3 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 501.068 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 501.068. MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN INMATES.

8 (a) Before the department may confine an inmate in administrative
9 segregation, an appropriate medical or mental health care
10 professional must perform a mental health assessment of the inmate.

11 (b) The department may not confine an inmate in
12 administrative segregation if the assessment performed under
13 Subsection (a) indicates that type of confinement is not
14 appropriate for the inmate's medical or mental health.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.