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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a mental health assessment of certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

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

Sec. 501.068. MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN INMATES.

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

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

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