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H.B. No. 1140

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reports regarding the confinement of pregnant prisoners
in county jails.

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

SECTION 1. REPORTS REGARDING PREGNANT PRISONERS. (a) In
this Act, "commission" means the Commission on Jail Standards.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2016, each sheriff shall
report to the commission regarding the implementation in the county
jails in the sheriff's county of policies and procedures to provide
adequate care to pregnant prisoners confined in the jail. A report
to the commission must be on a form prescribed by the commission and
include the following:

(1) a description of the sheriff's actions to comply
with the rules and procedures adopted under Section 511.009(a)(18),
Government Code, and any policies adopted by the sheriff regarding
the placement of a pregnant prisoner in solitary confinement or
administrative segregation;

(2) information regarding the health care provided to
a pregnant prisoner, including the availability of:

(A) obstetrical or gynecological care;

(B) prenatal health care visits;

(C) mental health care; and

(D) drug abuse or chemical dependency treatment;

(3) a detailed summary of the following as applicable

1 to pregnant prisoners:

2 (A) nutritional standards, including the average
3 caloric intake of a pregnant prisoner and other dietary
4 information;

5 (B) work assignments;

6 (C) housing conditions; and

7 (D) situations in which a pregnant prisoner has
8 been restrained, including the reason a determination to use
9 restraints was made under Section [361.082](#), Local Government Code;
10 and

11 (4) the number of miscarriages experienced by pregnant
12 prisoners confined in the jail between September 1, 2015, and the
13 date the report is submitted.

14 (c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the commission shall
15 compile, analyze, and summarize the information contained in the
16 reports submitted by sheriffs under Subsection (b) of this section.
17 The commission shall provide a copy of the summary to:

18 (A) the governor;

19 (B) the lieutenant governor;

20 (C) the speaker of the house of representatives;

21 and

22 (D) each standing committee of the senate and
23 house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over matters
24 relating to corrections.

25 SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF FORM. As soon as practicable after
26 the effective date of this Act, the commission shall prescribe the
27 form for a report required to be submitted under Section 1 of this

1 Act.

2 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires February 1, 2017.

3 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
4 1, 2015.