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H.B. No. 1141

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reports regarding the use of restraints on pregnant prisoners in county jails.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 511.0103 to read as follows:

Sec. 511.0103. REPORT REGARDING RESTRAINT OF PREGNANT PRISONER. (a) Not later than February 1 of each year, each county jail shall submit to the commission a report regarding the jail's use, during the preceding calendar year, of any type of restraints to control or restrict the movement of a prisoner, including a limb or other part of the prisoner, who:

(1) is pregnant; or

(2) gave birth three or fewer days before the use of the restraints.

(b) The report must include the circumstances of each use of restraints, including:

(1) the specific type of restraints used;

(2) what activity the prisoner was engaged in immediately before being restrained;

(3) whether the prisoner was restrained during or after delivery; and

(4) the reasons supporting the determination to use the restraints, a description of the process by which the

1 determination was made, and the name and title of the person or
2 persons making the determination.

3 (c) The commission shall prescribe a form for the report
4 required for this section.

5 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the Commission
6 on Jail Standards shall adopt rules to implement Section 511.0103,
7 Government Code, as added by this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.