

By: Fletcher

H.B. No. 1211

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1211:

By: White of Tyler

C.S.H.B. No. 1211

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the provision of medical care to inmates confined by the
3 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "department" means the
6 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

7 SECTION 2. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. (a) The department
8 shall, not later than October 1, 2015, issue a request for proposals
9 to provide medical care to inmates confined by the department. The
10 department shall determine, and specify in the request, the region
11 of the state for which the medical care is to be provided. The
12 inmates for whom care will be provided must be at least 20,000 in
13 number but not more than 30,000, and must include a representative
14 sample of the physical and mental health and custody
15 classifications of inmates.

16 (b) A response to a request for proposals must be due not
17 later than the 180th day after the date the request for proposals is
18 issued by the department.

19 (c) A contract awarded in response to a request for
20 proposals must require that:

21 (1) the department not spend appropriated money to
22 make a payment under the contract without the prior approval of the
23 Legislative Budget Board; and

24 (2) the provision of medical care begin not later than

1 July 1, 2016.

2 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2019.

3 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
4 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
5 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
6 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
7 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.