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H.B. No. 3269

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to certain contraband searches conducted by the Texas  
3 Department of Criminal Justice.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 501.025 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 501.025. TEMPORARY LOCKDOWN DURING CONTRABAND SEARCH.

8 (a) During any routine search for contraband conducted during the  
9 month of June or July, the department may not confine an inmate in a  
10 cellblock or dormitory that does not have central air conditioning.

11 (b) This section does not apply to a search for contraband  
12 that is made in response to specific information known to the  
13 department indicating that a prohibited substance or item described  
14 by Section 38.11, Penal Code, is present in the cellblock or  
15 dormitory.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.