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H.B. No. 4258

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on mental health screening and treatment for
3 certain inmates confined in county and municipal jails.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Commission on Jail Standards shall
6 conduct a study to evaluate:

7 (1) the effectiveness of the screening practices used
8 to identify, diagnose, and determine treatment for inmates with
9 mental illness confined in county and municipal jails;

10 (2) the effectiveness of mental health treatment
11 provided to inmates with mental illness confined in county and
12 municipal jails; and

13 (3) the level of coordination between local mental
14 health authorities and county and municipal jails in identifying
15 and diagnosing inmates with mental illness.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commission on Jail
17 Standards shall submit a written report to the legislature on the
18 results of the study conducted under Subsection (a) of this
19 section.

20 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2019.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.