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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) in Article V
2 of the bill, following the appropriations to the Department of
3 Criminal Justice (page V-22), by adding the following appropriately
4 numbered rider:

5 _____. Study on Converting State Jail Facility into
6 Substance Abuse Treatment Center. (a) Out of funds appropriated
7 above, the Department of Criminal Justice shall conduct a study to
8 determine the feasibility of converting a state jail facility into
9 a substance abuse treatment center for individuals convicted of or
10 placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for an
11 offense under Section 481.115, 481.1151, 481.116, 481.1161,
12 481.117, 481.118, or 481.121, Health and Safety Code, who have not
13 previously been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication
14 community supervision for an offense other than an offense under
15 one of those sections or a traffic offense that is punishable by
16 fine only.

17 (b) In conducting the study described by Subsection (a), the
18 department shall:

19 (1) consider the steps necessary to implement the
20 proposal;

21 (2) consider the cost of implementing the proposal;

22 (3) consider the potential cost savings associated
23 with sentencing a person to the treatment center instead of a state
24 jail or prison; and

25 (4) make recommendations regarding changes to the laws
26 of this state necessary to implement the proposal.

27 (c) Not later than September 1, 2020, the department shall
28 report the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant
29 governor, and the legislature.