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H.B. No. 659

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the collection of information regarding the parental status of inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0125 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0125. INFORMATION ON PARENTAL STATUS OF INMATES.

(a) The department shall maintain and annually update statistical information on the number of inmates confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the department who are parents of a child of any age.

(b) Not later than December 31 of each year, the department shall submit to the Texas Education Agency and Department of Family and Protective Services a report summarizing the information described by Subsection (a) for the preceding fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2020, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall submit to the Texas Education Agency and Department of Family and Protective Services the first report required by Section 501.0125, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.