A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on reducing the level at which the air temperature in facilities operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is regulated.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.026. STUDY ON REDUCING AIR TEMPERATURE IN FACILITIES OPERATED BY DEPARTMENT. (a) The department shall contract with a qualified independent vendor to conduct a study on reducing the air temperature in facilities operated by the department. The study must:

(1) identify the most cost-effective measures to reduce the air temperature;

(2) estimate the costs to the department of implementing those measures; and

(3) estimate the amount of time necessary to implement those measures.

(b) Not later than August 31, 2020, the department shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing committee of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over the department a written report that summarizes the results of the study conducted under this section.
(c) This section expires January 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.