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H.B. No. 2540

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a report on the prevalence of dyslexia and illiteracy among incarcerated persons.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0052 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0052. REPORT ON INCIDENCE OF DYSLEXIA AND ILLITERACY AMONG INCARCERATED PERSONS. (a) Not later than September 1, 2020, the department shall identify each dyslexic inmate housed in facilities operated by the division.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2020, the department shall use the information obtained under Subsection (a) and Section 501.005(c) to prepare a written report providing statistical information regarding the incidence of dyslexia and functional illiteracy among incarcerated persons in this state. The report must include the findings and legislative recommendations of the department.

(c) The department shall submit the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and chair of each legislative standing committee having jurisdiction over corrections.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.