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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to suicide prevention in municipal jails and lockups.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 511.022 to read as follows:

Sec. 511.022.  SUICIDE PREVENTION IN MUNICIPAL JAIL OR LOCKUP. (a) The commission shall require each municipal jail or lockup to:

(1)  provide two hours of training to each jailer or person responsible for the supervision of a person confined in the jail or lockup on the procedures for identifying, documenting, and handling a person who is potentially suicidal or has a mental health condition;

(2)  conduct and document mental health screenings during the intake process;

(3)  house in a cell with cameras any person that is identified as potentially suicidal or who discloses a previous diagnosis for a mental health condition;

(4)  regularly check on each person described by Subdivision (3); and

(5)  report to the commission, in the manner prescribed by the commission, any incident involving the suicide or attempted suicide of a person confined in the jail or lockup not later than 48 hours after the incident.

(b)  The commission may use the information reported under Subsection (a)(5) only for purposes of data collection and analysis.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.