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H.B. No. 265

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a report by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on  
3 dyslexia and illiteracy among inmates.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) Not later than June 1, 2022, the Texas  
6 Department of Criminal Justice shall identify each inmate confined  
7 in a facility operated by or under contract with the department who  
8 has dyslexia or is illiterate.

9 (b) Not later than September 1, 2022, the Texas Department  
10 of Criminal Justice shall prepare and submit to the governor, the  
11 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
12 and each standing committee of the legislature with primary  
13 jurisdiction over the department a written report that includes:

14 (1) a summary of the department's findings under  
15 Subsection (a) of this section, including statistical information  
16 regarding the incidence of dyslexia and illiteracy among inmates;  
17 and

18 (2) legislative recommendations to address the  
19 incidence of dyslexia and illiteracy among inmates.

20 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.