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H.B. No. 1308

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain inspections of county jails by the Commission on Jail Standards.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 511.0107 to read as follows:

Sec. 511.0107. UNANNOUNCED ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF COUNTY JAILS. (a) The commission shall annually conduct an unannounced inspection of each county jail. The inspection must evaluate:

(1) the jail's treatment of and policies regarding pregnant prisoners, including the jail's compliance with:

(A) the minimum requirements established under Section 511.009(a)(18); and

(B) the rules and procedures established under Section 511.0104, as added by Chapter 1074 (H.B. 1651), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019; and

(2) the living conditions and general welfare of all prisoners.

(b) The commission may conduct the inspection required under this section in conjunction with an inspection conducted under Section 511.009(a)(9) or (15).

(c) The commission shall:

(1) annually hold a public meeting on the commission's findings concerning the inspections conducted under this section

1 during the preceding year; and

2 (2) include in the annual report submitted under
3 Section 511.015:

4 (A) the findings described by Subdivision (1);
5 and

6 (B) any recommendations for legislative or other
7 action.

8 (d) In developing recommendations under Subsection (c)(2),
9 the commission shall solicit and consider stakeholder input.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.