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H.B. No. 2443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities confined in county jail.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 511.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 511.023. INTAKE OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. (a) The commission shall:

(1) monitor the intake processes in county jails to assess each county jail's ability to properly identify persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and

(2) assist county jails in improving the intake processes with respect to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2022, the commission shall prepare and submit a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, each standing committee of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over the commission, and each sheriff that includes:

(1) a discussion of any deficiencies in the intake processes that have been identified by the commission; and

(2) recommendations to improve county jail practices regarding identifying persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

1 (c) This subsection and Subsection (b) expire January 1,
2 2023.

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