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H.B. No. 2752

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the impact of the use of administrative segregation on inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "department" means the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

(b) The comptroller of public accounts, in coordination with the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services, shall conduct a study on the impact of the use of administrative segregation on inmates confined in facilities operated by or under contract with the department. The study must evaluate the impact of administrative segregation on an inmate's physical and mental health. The department shall provide access to facilities and records and otherwise assist the comptroller in conducting the study.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2022, the comptroller shall prepare and submit a written report containing the results of the study and any legislative recommendations to:

- (1) the governor;
- (2) the lieutenant governor;
- (3) the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (4) each standing committee of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over the department;
- (5) the department; and

1                   (6) the Legislative Budget Board.

2                   (d) This Act expires September 1, 2023.

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