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By:  Sherman, Sr. H.B. No. 2305

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a report on recidivism rates.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 322, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 322.0195 to read as follows:

Sec. 322.0195.  RECIDIVISM REPORT. (a) The board shall prepare a biennial report on recidivism that includes rearrest and reincarceration rates. The report must include:

(1)  statewide rearrest and reincarceration rates for individuals released from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the Texas Juvenile Justice Department; and

(2)  rearrest and reincarceration rates for all individuals for the following counties:

(A)  Bexar;

(B)  Collin;

(C)  Dallas;

(D)  Denton;

(E)  El Paso;

(F)  Fort Bend;

(G)  Harris;

(H)  Hidalgo;

(I)  Tarrant; and

(J)  Travis.

(b)  In preparing the report, the board shall collaborate with the Department of Public Safety and each sheriff. The Department of Public Safety and each sheriff shall provide any information requested by the board for the purpose of preparing the report.

(c)  The report may be included in any other report made by the board.

(d)  Not later than the last day of February of each odd-numbered year, the board shall submit the report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each member of the legislature.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.