H.B. No. 2708

AN ACT

relating to visitation policies for inmates and state jail felony defendants.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 501.010, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-2)  Regardless of the implementation of video visitation or visitation by other electronic means, the uniform visitation policy must allow in-person visitation for eligible inmates, provided that the policy may allow the temporary suspension of in-person visitation for a health or safety emergency.

SECTION 2.  Section 507.030, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c)  Regardless of the implementation of video visitation or visitation by other electronic means, the visitation policy must allow in-person visitation for defendants who are eligible to receive visitors, provided that the policy may allow the temporary suspension of in-person visitation for a health or safety emergency.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2708 was passed by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 141, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2708 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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