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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

1 with the Department of Public Safety and each sheriff. The
2 Department of Public Safety and each sheriff shall provide any
3 information requested by the board for the purpose of preparing the
4 report.

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

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

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