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H.B. No. 2708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to visitation policies for inmates and state jail felony  
3 defendants.

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

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

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

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

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

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