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S.B. No. 1896

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the investigation of the death of a prisoner in county jail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 511.021(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) On the death of a prisoner in a county jail, other than a death from natural causes as determined by a physician during an autopsy or examination of the deceased prisoner, the commission shall appoint a law enforcement agency, other than the local law enforcement agency that operates the county jail, to investigate the death as soon as possible. Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (b), the appointed law enforcement agency shall conduct the investigation.

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