

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 1896
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2023; March 20, 2023, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 April 27, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 27, 2023,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Whitmire	X			
1-10	Flores	X			
1-11	Bettencourt			X	
1-12	Hinojosa	X			
1-13	Huffman	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Miles	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1896 By: Flores

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the investigation of the death of a prisoner in county
1-20 jail.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section [511.021](#)(a), Government Code, is amended
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) On the death of a prisoner in a county jail, other than a
1-25 death from natural causes as determined by a physician during an
1-26 autopsy or examination of the deceased prisoner, the commission
1-27 shall appoint a law enforcement agency, other than the local law
1-28 enforcement agency that operates the county jail, to investigate
1-29 the death as soon as possible. Except as otherwise provided by
1-30 Subsection (b), the appointed law enforcement agency shall conduct
1-31 the investigation.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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