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S.B. No. 1199

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the investigation of the death of a prisoner in county
3 jail.

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.