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H.B. No. 47

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the provision of educational services to certain
3 inmates imprisoned in the institutional division of the Texas
4 Department of Criminal Justice.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 501.020 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 501.020. IN-CELL EDUCATION. The department may
9 establish a policy to provide in-cell education to an inmate
10 confined in administrative segregation if:

11 (1) the inmate would benefit from the education; and

12 (2) the education can be provided to the inmate in a
13 way that does not pose a threat to the health or safety of any
14 department staff member or other inmate.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.