

1-1 By: Hernandez, White (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 239
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;
 1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a report regarding the confinement of pregnant inmates
 1-20 by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "department" means the
 1-23 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

1-24 (b) The department shall prepare a report on the confinement
 1-25 of pregnant inmates in facilities operated by or under contract
 1-26 with the department. The report must include:

1-27 (1) a description of the department's implementation
 1-28 of policies and procedures to provide adequate care to pregnant
 1-29 inmates while confined in a facility operated by or under contract
 1-30 with the department, and any policies adopted by the department
 1-31 regarding the placement of a pregnant inmate in administrative
 1-32 segregation;

1-33 (2) information regarding the health care provided to
 1-34 a pregnant inmate, including the availability of:

- 1-35 (A) obstetrical or gynecological care;
- 1-36 (B) prenatal health care visits;
- 1-37 (C) mental health care; and
- 1-38 (D) drug abuse or chemical dependency treatment;

1-39 (3) a detailed summary of the following as applicable
 1-40 to pregnant inmates:

- 1-41 (A) nutritional standards, including the average
 1-42 caloric intake of a pregnant inmate and other dietary information;
- 1-43 (B) work assignments;
- 1-44 (C) housing conditions; and
- 1-45 (D) situations in which a pregnant inmate has
 1-46 been restrained, including the reason a determination to use
 1-47 restraints was made under Section 501.066, Government Code; and

1-48 (4) the number of miscarriages experienced by pregnant
 1-49 inmates while confined in a facility operated by or under contract
 1-50 with the department between September 1, 2017, and September 1,
 1-51 2018.

1-52 (c) Not later than December 1, 2018, the department shall
 1-53 provide a copy of the report to:

- 1-54 (1) the governor;
- 1-55 (2) the lieutenant governor;
- 1-56 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- 1-57 (4) each standing committee of the senate and house of
 1-58 representatives having primary jurisdiction over matters relating
 1-59 to corrections.

1-60 SECTION 2. This Act expires February 1, 2019.

1-61 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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