

1-1 By: Swanson (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 2708
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
 1-3 May 1, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 11, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Flores	X			
1-9 Bettencourt			X	
1-10 Hinojosa	X			
1-11 Huffman	X			
1-12 King	X			
1-13 Miles	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to visitation policies for inmates and state jail felony
 1-18 defendants.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 501.010, Government Code, is amended by
 1-21 adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

1-22 (b-2) Regardless of the implementation of video visitation
 1-23 or visitation by other electronic means, the uniform visitation
 1-24 policy must allow in-person visitation for eligible inmates,
 1-25 provided that the policy may allow the temporary suspension of
 1-26 in-person visitation for a health or safety emergency.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 507.030, Government Code, is amended by
 1-28 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-29 (c) Regardless of the implementation of video visitation or
 1-30 visitation by other electronic means, the visitation policy must
 1-31 allow in-person visitation for defendants who are eligible to
 1-32 receive visitors, provided that the policy may allow the temporary
 1-33 suspension of in-person visitation for a health or safety
 1-34 emergency.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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