BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, it is an offense for a person to cause another person to contact certain bodily fluids and wastes in certain adult and juvenile correctional facilities, but not in a secure detention or correctional facility as defined by Section 51.02, Family Code, operated by or under contract with a juvenile board. As proposed, S.B. 1270 amends provisions regarding such an offense to include a secure detention or correctional facility as defined by Section 51.02, Family Code, operated by or under contract with a juvenile board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 22.11, Penal Code, to provide that a person commits an offense if the person, while imprisoned or confined in certain facilities, including a secure detention facility or a secure correctional facility as defined by Section 51.02, Family Code, operated by or under contract with a juvenile board, and with intent to harass, alarm, or annoy another person, causes the other person to contact the blood, seminal fluid, urine, or feces of the actor of any other person.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.