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H.B. No. 109

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state centers and homes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 554.001, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 554.001. ADMISSION OF CERTAIN JUVENILES. (a) The department shall designate facilities for use [~~the Waco Center for Youth~~] as [~~a~~] residential treatment facilities [~~facility~~] for emotionally disturbed juveniles who:

(1) have been admitted under Subtitle C to a facility of the department; or

(2) are under the managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services and have been admitted under Subtitle C to the designated facilities [~~Waco Center for Youth~~].

(b) An emotionally disturbed juvenile who has been found to have engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision under Title 3, Family Code, may not be admitted to the designated facilities [~~Waco Center for Youth~~].

SECTION 2. Section 554.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 554.002. SERVICES. (a) The department shall provide without charge appropriate education services for all clients residing at the designated facilities [~~Waco Center for Youth~~].

1 (b) The department shall pay for those services from funds
2 appropriated to the designated facilities [~~center~~] for those
3 purposes [~~that purpose~~].

4 (c) A client of the center who is not a resident of the local
5 school district [~~Waco Independent School District~~] may receive
6 education services from the local school district [~~Waco Independent~~
7 ~~School District~~] only with the prior approval of the superintendent
8 of the district.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.