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H.B. No. 996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to juvenile facilities and programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 141.0432(b), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission, local juvenile boards, and local juvenile probation departments may work together to develop a program of moral, academic, vocational, physical, and correctional training and military-style discipline for children placed in youth boot camps on probation under Section 54.04(d)(1)(B), Family Code, or for violating the conditions of probation as determined under Section 54.05(f), Family Code, including programs in which each child attending a youth boot camp is assigned a mentor and follow-up programs to aid successful community reintegration.

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 141, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 141.087 to read as follows:

Sec. 141.087. FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL JUVENILE FACILITIES. (a) The commission may provide state aid to a county to acquire, construct, and equip juvenile pre-adjudication secure detention facilities, post-adjudication secure correctional facilities, or nonsecure day-treatment facilities or centers from money appropriated for those purposes.

(b) From money appropriated for construction of the facilities described by Subsection (a), the commission shall

1 contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for
2 construction management services, including:

3 (1) evaluation of project plans and specifications;
4 and

5 (2) review and comment on the selection of architects
6 and engineers, change orders, and sufficiency of project
7 inspection.

8 (c) On completion of the review project plans and
9 specifications under Subsection (b), the Texas Department of
10 Criminal Justice shall issue a comprehensive report that states in
11 detail the proposed cost of the project. The commission shall use
12 the report in making a comparative evaluation of proposed projects
13 and shall give priority to the projects the commission finds are the
14 most effective and economical.

15 (d) The commission may not award money for a capital
16 construction project for a facility under this section unless the
17 commission receives from the commissioner's court of the county
18 intending to use the facility a written commitment that the
19 commissioner's court has reviewed and accepted the conditions of
20 the award. If more than one county intends to use the facility, the
21 commission must receive from each county a written commitment that
22 each county will agree with the other counties to an interlocal
23 contract to operate the facility in accordance with the conditions
24 of the award.

25 (e) A county receiving state aid under this section shall
26 adhere to commission standards for the construction and operation
27 of the juvenile facility or program.

1 (f) This section applies only to a facility or center
2 constructed under this section.

3 SECTION 3. Not later than December 31, 2003, the Texas
4 Juvenile Probation Commission shall establish guidelines for the
5 programs described by Section 141.0432(b), Human Resources Code, as
6 amended by this Act. The commission shall make the programs
7 available for participation not later than January 1, 2004.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.