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H.B. No. 2895

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operations of the Texas Youth Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 61.012(a) and (c), Human Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing board of the Texas Youth Commission consists of five [~~six~~] members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Appointments to the board shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointees.

(c) The board members hold office for staggered terms of six years, with the terms of either one or two members expiring every two years.

SECTION 2. Section 61.020, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.020. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Youth Commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2011 [~~2009~~].

SECTION 3. Section 61.0812, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0812. TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. (a) The [~~Subject to an express appropriation to fund the treatment programs~~

1 ~~required by this section, the]~~ commission may not release a child
2 under supervision or parole a child if:

3 (1) the child has a substance abuse problem, including
4 the use of a controlled substance, hazardous inhalable substances,
5 or alcohol habitually; and

6 (2) the child has not completed a treatment program
7 for the problem.

8 (b) The commission may release a child described by
9 Subsection (a) to the child's parent if the parent intends to enroll
10 the child in a treatment program for the substance abuse problem.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.