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S.B. No. 873

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a deferral of adjudication on a child's completion of a
3 teen court program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 54.032(a) and (f), Family Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A juvenile court may defer adjudication proceedings
8 under Section 54.03 for not more than 180 days if the child:

9 (1) is alleged to have engaged in conduct indicating a
10 need for supervision that violated a penal law of this state of the
11 grade of misdemeanor that is punishable by fine only or a penal
12 ordinance of a political subdivision of this state;

13 (2) waives, under Section 51.09, the privilege against
14 self-incrimination and testifies under oath that the allegations
15 are true;

16 (3) presents to the court an oral or written request to
17 attend a teen court program; and

18 (4) has not successfully completed a teen court
19 program for the violation of the same penal law or ordinance in the
20 two years preceding the date that the alleged offense [~~conduct~~]
21 occurred.

22 (f) A court may transfer a case in which proceedings have
23 been deferred under [~~as provided by~~] this section to a court in
24 another [~~a contiguous~~] county if the court to which the case is

1 transferred consents. A case may not be transferred unless it is
2 within the jurisdiction of the court to which it is transferred.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.