

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1687
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law does not address the ability of a juvenile justice alternative education program to collect a fee for participation in the program. A juvenile justice alternative education program is funded through foundation school funds and students enrolled are considered public education students.

House Bill 1687 would prohibits a juvenile justice alternative education program from requiring students or the student's parent to pay any fee to participate in the program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

- SECTION 1.** Amends Section 37.012 of the Education Code by adding Subsection (e) to prohibit a juvenile justice alternative education program from requiring students or the student's parent to pay any fee to participate in the program, except as otherwise authorized by law.
- SECTION 2.** This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005