BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3543 By: Farabee Juvenile Justice & Family Issues Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

During the 74th Legislature, Sections 124.2493 to 152.2495 of the Human Resource Code, were repealed in order to eliminate the Wichita County Family Court Services. As written, Section 152.2492 (b) of the Human Resources Code relating to the appointment of the superintendent of facilities, has a clause requiring the family court services administrator to appoint the superintendent of each juvenile detention facility.

House Bill 3543 grants the chief justice probation officer the authority to appoint the superintendent of each facility.

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 152.2492(b) of the Human Resources Code by providing that the chief juvenile probation officer shall appoint the superintendent of each facility. The juvenile board must confirm the appointment. A superintendent or an assistant may be suspended or removed at any time by the appointing authority.

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