BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

During the 74th Legislature, Sections 124.2493 through 152.2495 of the Texas Human Resources Code were repealed in order to eliminate the Wichita County Family Court Services. As written, Section 152.2492(b) (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 in Wichita County.

H.B. 953 removes the reference to the Wichita County Family Court Services, while adding a provision granting the chief juvenile probation officer the authority to appoint the superintendent of each facility.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.2492(b), Human Resources Code, to require the chief juvenile probation officer, rather than the family court services department administrator, to appoint the superintendent of each county facility used for the detention of juveniles in Wichita County.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.