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H.B. No. 1111

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting medical, psychiatric, and other research on children committed to the Texas Youth Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.076, Human Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) As a means of correcting the socially harmful tendencies of a child committed to it, the commission may, subject to Subsection (c):

(1) require the child to participate in moral, academic, vocational, physical, and correctional training and activities;

(2) require the modes of life and conduct that seem best adapted to fit the child for return to full liberty without danger to the public;

(3) provide any medical or psychiatric treatment that is necessary; and

(4) place physically fit children in parks-maintenance camps, forestry camps, or ranches owned by the state or the United States and require the performance of suitable conservation and maintenance work.

(c) The commission may not allow a child committed to it to participate in a medical, psychiatric, or other type of research

1 program.

2 SECTION 2. This Act applies to a child committed to the
3 Texas Youth Commission without regard to whether the child was
4 committed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.