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H.B. No. 3206

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study by the Sunset Advisory Commission to be used in
3 its sunset review of the Texas Youth Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 325.0121 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 325.0121. STUDY ON TRANSITION TOWARD REGIONALIZED
8 JUVENILE CORRECTIONS. (a) The commission shall appoint an
9 advisory committee as provided by this section to develop a
10 practicable plan to move the Texas Youth Commission toward a
11 regionalized structure of smaller facilities and more diversified
12 treatment and placement options, taking into consideration the
13 likely effects of this regionalized structure on:

14 (1) recidivism;

15 (2) juvenile and family access to services; and

16 (3) costs to this state and the counties of this state.

17 (b) The commission shall take into consideration the
18 findings and recommendations of the advisory committee in its
19 report to the legislature under Section 325.012 as part of its
20 review of the Texas Youth Commission, which, as provided by Section
21 61.020, Human Resources Code, is abolished September 1, 2009,
22 unless continued in existence as provided by this chapter.

23 (c) The commission shall appoint an advisory committee not
24 later than December 1, 2007.

1 (d) The advisory committee consists of nine members
2 appointed by the commission in consultation with the Texas Youth
3 Commission, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, lieutenant
4 governor, and speaker of the house of representatives. At least
5 three of the members must be nationally recognized experts in the
6 field of juvenile justice who are not residents of this state.

7 (e) The chairman of the commission shall designate a
8 presiding officer from among the members appointed to the advisory
9 committee.

10 (f) The advisory committee shall convene at the call of the
11 presiding officer.

12 (g) A member of the advisory committee may not receive
13 compensation from the state for committee service but may receive
14 reimbursement for travel to official meetings according to policies
15 established by the commission.

16 (h) Not later than December 1, 2008, the advisory committee
17 shall report the committee's findings and recommendations to the
18 commission.

19 (i) This section expires September 1, 2009.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.