

1-1 By: Bolton, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 3309
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2007;
1-3 May 2, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 21, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
1-6 May 21, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3309 By: Hinojosa

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the ability of certain advocacy and support groups to
1-11 provide services for children confined in Texas Youth Commission
1-12 facilities.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Human Resources Code,
1-15 is amended by adding Section 61.0386 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 61.0386. ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT GROUPS. (a) The
1-17 commission shall allow advocacy and support groups whose primary
1-18 functions are to benefit children, inmates, girls and women, the
1-19 mentally ill, and victims of sexual assault to provide on-site
1-20 information, support, and other services for children confined in
1-21 commission facilities.

1-22 (b) The commission shall adopt security and privacy
1-23 procedures for advocacy and support groups that provide on-site
1-24 information, support, and other services under this section. The
1-25 security and privacy procedures may not be designed to deny an
1-26 advocacy or support group access to children confined in commission
1-27 facilities.

1-28 (c) The commission shall adopt standards consistent with
1-29 standards adopted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice
1-30 regarding the confidential correspondence of children confined in
1-31 commission facilities with external entities, including advocacy
1-32 and support groups.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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