

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3309** by Bolton (Relating to the ability of certain advocacy and support groups to provide services for children confined in Texas Youth Commission facilities. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would add Section 61.0386 to Chapter 61 of the Human Resources Code requiring the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) to allow advocacy and other groups to provide information, support, and other services to children in TYC. The bill would also require TYC to adopt security and privacy procedures for advocacy groups providing services to children in TYC. The bill also requires TYC to adopt confidentiality standards consistent with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) regarding correspondence between children confined in TYC facilities and external entities, including advocacy and support groups.

The Texas Youth Commission anticipates no fiscal impact from this bill.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 694 Youth Commission

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