

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 26, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Jerry Madden, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

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

**IN RE: HB3521** by Bolton (Relating to measures to increase the safety of children committed to the Texas Youth Commission. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapter 61 of the Human Resources Code to prohibit the Youth Commission (TYC) from discharging, discriminating against, or retaliating against an employee who in good faith makes a complaint to TYC, or cooperates in an investigation. At TYC facilities, no single individual would be allowed to have complete control, supervision, or oversight of the schedule and movements of TYC youth. TYC would be required to post signs that state the rights of TYC youth and the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the TYC employee with supervisory authority over the facility at which the youth is placed with whom the youth can file a complaint or report abuse. The signs would be required to be at least 8 1/2 by 11 inches with an easily readable font and type size and would be posted in eating areas and other conspicuous, high traffic, high visibility locations in each facility. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote from each house or on September 1, 2007 if it does not receive the necessary votes.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

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