

Amend CSHB 2139 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Title 3, Family Code, is amended by adding Chapter 62 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 62. JUVENILE VICTIM-OFFENDER MEDIATION PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 62.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.

(2) "Department" means the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department.

(3) "Program" means the juvenile victim-offender mediation pilot program created under this chapter.

Sec. 62.002. ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish a juvenile victim-offender mediation pilot program for children in Bexar County using funds appropriated for that purpose.

(b) In implementing the program, the commission shall require the department to:

(1) establish a resource network on the subject of victim-offender mediation that includes representatives from the department, the local dispute resolution center, the juvenile courts, the district attorney's office, and the local juvenile defense bar association;

(2) develop the program consistent with best practices identified by the commission; and

(3) identify outcome measures that may be used to measure the effectiveness of the program.

Sec. 62.003. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2010, the department shall submit a report to the commission regarding the program. The report must include:

(1) a comprehensive analysis of the effectiveness of the program; and

(2) the department's findings and recommendations regarding continuation or expansion of the program.

Sec. 62.004. PROGRAM FUNDING. Subject to Section 62.005, the commission shall provide sufficient funds to the department for

the program and report, if funds are appropriated for purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 62.005. IMPLEMENTATION CONTINGENT ON FEDERAL FUNDING.

The commission is required to implement this chapter only if the commission receives, for the purpose of implementing this chapter, federal supplemental appropriations under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5) or any other similar federal legislation that is enacted on or after January 1, 2009.

Sec. 62.006. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September 2, 2011.