BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4700 By: Farias Corrections Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law creates local juvenile boards to establish juvenile probation departments and to provide local juvenile probation services. Most counties, including Bexar County, have a separate statute in the Human Resources Code that sets out the statutory framework for that particular county's juvenile board. Because agencies can only accept donations if expressly permitted by statute, many of the juvenile board statutes have such a provision included.

H.B. 4700 authorizes the Bexar County Juvenile Board to accept donations to be used for the benefit of the juvenile justice system.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 4700 amends the Human Resources Code to authorize the juvenile board of Bexar County to apply for, accept, hold in trust, spend, and otherwise use a gift, grant, or donation of land or money or other personal property from a governmental entity, corporation, individual, or other source for the benefit of the juvenile justice system.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.