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S.B. No. 53

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to minimum standards for juvenile case managers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Title 10, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

TITLE 10. JUVENILE BOARDS, JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, ~~[AND]~~  
FAMILY SERVICES OFFICES, AND OTHER JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES

SECTION 2. The heading to Subtitle A, Title 10, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBTITLE A. JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES AND OTHER JUVENILE  
JUSTICE SERVICES

SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 141, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 141.0422 to read as follows:

Sec. 141.0422. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE CASE  
MANAGERS. (a) The commission shall adopt reasonable rules for  
juvenile case managers employed under Article 45.056, Code of  
Criminal Procedure, that provide:

(1) a code of ethics, and for the enforcement of that  
code;

(2) minimum education requirements; and

(3) minimum training standards, including  
requirements that each juvenile case manager receives training in:

(A) the role of the juvenile case manager;

(B) case planning and management;

1           (C) juvenile law;

2           (D) courtroom proceedings and presentation;

3           (E) law enforcement proceedings;

4           (F) local programs and services for juveniles and  
5 methods by which juveniles may access those programs and services;  
6 and

7           (G) detecting and preventing abuse,  
8 exploitation, and neglect of children.

9           (b) To the extent possible, the commission shall adopt rules  
10 substantially similar to the rules applicable to juvenile probation  
11 officers that the commission adopts under Section 141.042.

12           SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2009, the Texas  
13 Juvenile Probation Commission shall adopt the rules required by  
14 Section 141.0422, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act.

15           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.