

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 53  
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 April 6, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 6, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to minimum standards for juvenile case managers.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. The heading to Title 10, Human Resources Code, is  
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 TITLE 10. JUVENILE BOARDS, JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, [~~AND~~]  
1-13 FAMILY SERVICES OFFICES, AND OTHER JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES

1-14 SECTION 2. The heading to Subtitle A, Title 10, Human  
1-15 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-16 SUBTITLE A. JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES AND OTHER JUVENILE  
1-17 JUSTICE SERVICES

1-18 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 141, Human Resources Code,  
1-19 is amended by adding Section 141.0422 to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 141.0422. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE CASE  
1-21 MANAGERS. (a) The commission shall adopt reasonable rules for  
1-22 juvenile case managers employed under Article 45.056, Code of  
1-23 Criminal Procedure, that provide:

1-24 (1) a code of ethics, and for the enforcement of that  
1-25 code;

1-26 (2) minimum education requirements; and

1-27 (3) minimum training standards, including  
1-28 requirements that each juvenile case manager receives training in:

1-29 (A) the role of the juvenile case manager;

1-30 (B) case planning and management;

1-31 (C) juvenile law;

1-32 (D) courtroom proceedings and presentation;

1-33 (E) law enforcement proceedings;

1-34 (F) local programs and services for juveniles and  
1-35 methods by which juveniles may access those programs and services;  
1-36 and

1-37 (G) detecting and preventing abuse,  
1-38 exploitation, and neglect of children.

1-39 (b) To the extent possible, the commission shall adopt rules  
1-40 substantially similar to the rules applicable to juvenile probation  
1-41 officers that the commission adopts under Section 141.042.

1-42 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2009, the Texas  
1-43 Juvenile Probation Commission shall adopt the rules required by  
1-44 Section 141.0422, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act.

1-45 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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