

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3829
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Corrections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The McLennan County Juvenile Board, consisting of the county judge, the county court at law judges, and the district judges in the county, has expressed an interest in gifts, grants, and other donations for the purpose of offering more programs to juveniles under the supervision of probation officers. H.B. 3829 seeks to authorize the McLennan County Juvenile Board, like juvenile boards in several other Texas counties, to accept gifts, grants, and donations for certain purposes, including the establishment and support of a local enrichment of juvenile services program.

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. 3829 amends the Human Resources Code to authorize the McLennan County Juvenile Board to establish and administer a local enrichment of juvenile services program consistent with policies adopted by the juvenile board. The bill authorizes the juvenile board to accept a gift, grant, or donation from a public or private source for any lawful purpose, including support of a local enrichment of juvenile services program. The bill requires the juvenile board to place such a donation of money in a special fund that is subject to all reporting or procedural requirements of the county auditor and audited annually by the county auditor. The bill specifies that the juvenile board is not required to establish or adopt a budget for expenditures under the special fund and limits the use of the special fund to payment of expenses of and related to programs, services, and items approved by the juvenile board. The bill requires an expenditure from the special fund to comply with the requirements of Local Government Code provisions relating to the purchasing and contracting authority of counties that apply to the juvenile board's other expenditures.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.