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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Amend S.B. No. 213 by adding the following appropriately  
2 numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS  
3 of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_ Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by  
5 adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

6 SUBCHAPTER G. INDEPENDENT OMBUDSPERSON FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

7 Sec. 501.191. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

8 (1) "Correctional facility" means a facility operated  
9 by or under contract with the department.

10 (2) "Youthful offender" means a person younger than 17  
11 years of age who is confined in a correctional facility.

12 Sec. 501.192. APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSPERSON; INDEPENDENCE.

13 (a) The board shall appoint an independent ombudsperson to  
14 investigate, evaluate, and secure the rights of youthful offenders.

15 (b) The independent ombudsperson in the performance of the  
16 ombudsperson's duties and powers under this subchapter acts  
17 independently of the department.

18 Sec. 501.193. POWERS AND DUTIES OF OMBUDSPERSON. The  
19 ombudsperson shall provide independent oversight of youthful  
20 offenders. The ombudsperson shall:

21 (1) review correctional facility conditions,  
22 programs, services, and staffing for youthful offenders;

23 (2) oversee the administrative investigation of  
24 complaints made by youthful offenders;

25 (3) ensure the impartial resolution of the complaints;  
26 and

27 (4) collect statistics relating to the complaints.

28 Sec. 501.194. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than January 1 of  
29 each year, the ombudsperson shall submit a written report regarding

1 the findings and activities of the ombudsperson during the  
2 preceding fiscal year to:

3 (1) the governor;

4 (2) the lieutenant governor;

5 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives;

6 (4) the board;

7 (5) the state auditor; and

8 (6) the office of the inspector general of the  
9 department.

10 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas  
11 Board of Criminal Justice shall appoint an ombudsperson for  
12 youthful offenders and adopt the rules necessary to implement  
13 Subchapter G, Chapter 501, Government Code, as added by this Act.

14 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Not later than January 1, 2015, the  
15 ombudsperson for youthful offenders shall submit the first report  
16 required by Section 501.194, Government Code, as added by this Act.