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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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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