BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The composition of juvenile boards varies from county to county. Edwards County's juvenile board is made up of the county judge and the district judge in the county. In order to share costs and deliver services in an efficient manner, many rural counties operate a joint juvenile probation board with other nearby counties in their judicial district. Edwards County was moved from the 63rd Judicial District to the 198th Judicial District as a result of legislation enacted by the 82nd Legislature. Consequently, Edwards County's Juvenile Board is covered by statutory language similar to that which covers counties in the 63rd Judicial District, rather than the statutory language that covers counties in the 198th Judicial District. The current statute does not allow Edwards County to operate a joint juvenile probation board, as it does other counties in the 198th Judicial District.

S.B. 1832 allows Edwards County to form an agreement with one or more adjacent counties to operate a joint juvenile probation board.

As proposed, S.B. 1832 amends current law relating to the operation of the juvenile board of Edwards County.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.0751, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Authorizes the juvenile board of Edwards County and the juvenile boards of one or more counties that are adjacent to or in close proximity to Edwards County, to agree to operate together. Authorizes juvenile boards operating together to appoint one fiscal officer to receive and disburse funds for the boards.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.