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S.B. No. 1769

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an advisory committee to examine the fingerprinting practices of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. FINGERPRINTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas Juvenile Justice Board shall appoint an advisory committee to develop a plan to end the practice of fingerprinting children committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for delinquent conduct, other than felony conduct. The plan must ensure that public safety and due process rights are protected.

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENTS; PRESIDING OFFICER. (a) In making appointments to the advisory committee, the board shall include members who are interested parties, including:

- (1) chief juvenile probation officers;
- (2) juvenile prosecutors;
- (3) juvenile defense attorneys;
- (4) peace officers;
- (5) representatives of the Department of Family and Protective Services;
- (6) juvenile justice advocates; and
- (7) members of the public.

(b) The board shall designate one of the members as presiding officer of the advisory committee.

1 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2014, the
2 advisory committee shall submit to the board the plan developed
3 under Section 1.

4 SECTION 4. COMPENSATION. Members of the advisory committee
5 serve without compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement
6 for expenses.

7 SECTION 5. APPLICATION OF LAWS GOVERNING ADVISORY
8 COMMITTEES. The advisory committee is not subject to Chapter 2110,
9 Government Code.

10 SECTION 6. EXPIRATION DATE. The advisory committee is
11 abolished and this Act expires January 1, 2015.

12 SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
13 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
14 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
15 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
16 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.