

By: White of Tyler

H.B. No. 431

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an advisory committee to examine the retention of juvenile justice records.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Advisory committee" means the Juvenile Justice Records Advisory Committee appointed under Section 2 of this Act.

(2) "Board" means the Texas Juvenile Justice Board.

SECTION 2. JUVENILE JUSTICE RECORDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Not later than September 1, 2015, the board shall appoint an advisory committee to examine best practices regarding the retention of juvenile justice records and propose amendments to Chapter 58, Family Code, and any other relevant law to protect juveniles and adults from any harm resulting from the unauthorized use or disclosure of confidential juvenile justice records. The plan must ensure that public safety and due process rights are protected.

SECTION 3. 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;

1 (5) representatives of the Department of Family and
2 Protective Services;

3 (6) juvenile justice advocates; and

4 (7) members of the public.

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

7 SECTION 4. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2016, the
8 advisory committee shall submit to the board the legislative
9 recommendations under Section 2 of this Act.

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

13 SECTION 6. APPLICATION OF LAWS GOVERNING ADVISORY
14 COMMITTEES. The advisory committee is not subject to Chapter 2110,
15 Government Code.

16 SECTION 7. EXPIRATION DATE. The advisory committee is
17 abolished and this Act expires January 1, 2017.

18 SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
19 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
20 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
21 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
22 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.