

By: White of Tyler

H.B. No. 2447

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an advisory committee to examine and recommend revisions to any state laws pertaining to juvenile records.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

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

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

SECTION 2. JUVENILE RECORDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Not later than December 1, 2015, the board shall appoint an advisory committee to develop a plan for studying, reorganizing, and comprehensively revising Chapter 58, Family Code, and any other relevant laws pertaining to juvenile records.

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) juvenile court judges;
- (5) justice court or municipal court judges;
- (6) court administrators or court clerks;
- (7) peace officers;

1           (8) representatives of the Department of Public  
2 Safety;

3           (9) representatives of the Department of Family and  
4 Protective Services;

5           (10) representatives of the Texas Juvenile Justice  
6 Department;

7           (11) juvenile justice advocates;

8           (12) individuals with expertise in federal records and  
9 federal immigration policy;

10          (13) members of the public; and

11          (14) any other individuals that the board considers  
12 necessary to accomplish the duties of the advisory committee.

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

15          SECTION 4. REPORT. (a) Not later than November 1, 2016,  
16 the advisory committee shall submit to the legislature and the  
17 board the recommendations for revisions to Chapter 58, Family Code,  
18 and any other relevant laws pertaining to juvenile records and a  
19 copy of the plan developed by the committee under Section 2 of this  
20 Act to produce those recommendations.

21          (b) The advisory committee may submit:

22               (1) preliminary recommendations at any time before  
23 submitting the report required under Subsection (a) of this  
24 section; and

25               (2) follow-up recommendations at any time after  
26 submitting the report required under Subsection (a) of this  
27 section.

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

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

7           SECTION 7.   EXPIRATION  DATE.   The advisory committee is  
8  abolished and this Act expires December 31, 2018.

9           SECTION 8.   EFFECTIVE  DATE.    This Act takes effect  
10 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
11 elected to each house, as provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas  
12 Constitution.  If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
13 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.