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S.B. No. 645

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

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

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

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

15 SECTION 3. APPOINTMENTS; PRESIDING OFFICER. (a) In making
16 appointments to the advisory committee, the board shall include
17 members who are interested parties, including:

18 (1) chief juvenile probation officers;

19 (2) juvenile prosecutors;

20 (3) juvenile defense attorneys;

21 (4) juvenile court judges;

22 (5) justice court or municipal court judges;

23 (6) court administrators or court clerks;

24 (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.