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H.B. No. 3538

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to post-discharge services offered by a juvenile board or  
3 juvenile probation department to a child after the child's  
4 probation period ends.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 142, Human Resources Code, is amended by  
7 adding Section 142.007 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 142.007. POST-DISCHARGE SERVICES. (a) For purposes  
9 of this section, "post-discharge services" means community-based  
10 services offered after a child is discharged from probation to  
11 support the child's vocational, educational, behavioral, or other  
12 goals and to provide continuity for the child as the child  
13 transitions out of juvenile probation services. The term includes:

14 (1) individual or family therapy;

15 (2) mentoring; and

16 (3) job training.

17 (b) Provided that existing resources are available, a  
18 juvenile board or juvenile probation department may provide  
19 post-discharge services to a child for not more than six months  
20 after the date the child is discharged from probation, regardless  
21 of the age of the child on that date.

22 (c) A juvenile board or juvenile probation department may  
23 not require a child to participate in post-discharge services.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.