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**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB678** by Wu (Relating to the procedure for the entering of a plea or a stipulation of evidence by a child subject to a determinate sentence.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would permit juvenile court referees and associate judges to hold hearings where the child and state have a plea agreement for the disposition of a determinate sentence case. Currently only a juvenile court judge may hear such cases. The Office of Court Administration anticipates that the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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