

By: Johnson of Harris

H.B. No. 2229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a report of information concerning juvenile offenders
3 committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department who have been in
4 foster care.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 243.008(e), Human Resources Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (e) Not later than January 31 of each even-numbered year,
9 the department shall submit a report to the governor, the
10 lieutenant governor, and each member of the legislature [~~the~~
11 ~~speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing~~
12 ~~committee having primary jurisdiction over the department~~]. The
13 department shall also make the report available to the public on the
14 department's Internet website. The report must summarize
15 statistical information concerning the total number and percentage
16 of children in the custody of the department during the preceding
17 two years who have at any time been in foster care. Data in the
18 report must be disaggregated by:

19 (1) age;

20 (2) sex;

21 (3) race or ethnicity;

22 (4) the conduct for which children were committed to
23 the department; and

24 (5) children entering the juvenile justice system for

1 the first time.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.