

1-1 By: Wu, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Johnson) H.B. No. 2737
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2019;
1-3 May 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Fallon	X		
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Lucio	X		
1-15	Nelson	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to judicial guidance related to child protective services
1-20 cases and juvenile cases.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 22, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 22.0135 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 22.0135. JUDICIAL GUIDANCE RELATED TO CHILD PROTECTIVE
1-25 SERVICES CASES AND JUVENILE CASES. (a) The supreme court, in
1-26 conjunction with the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial
1-27 Commission for Children, Youth and Families, annually shall provide
1-28 guidance to judges who preside over child protective services cases
1-29 or juvenile cases to establish greater uniformity across the state
1-30 for:

1-31 (1) in child protective services cases, issues related
1-32 to:

1-33 (A) placement of children with severe mental
1-34 health issues;

1-35 (B) changes in placement; and
1-36 (C) final termination of parental rights; and

1-37 (2) in juvenile cases, issues related to:

1-38 (A) placement of children with severe mental
1-39 health issues;

1-40 (B) the release of children detained in juvenile
1-41 detention facilities;

1-42 (C) certification of juveniles to stand trial as
1-43 adults;

1-44 (D) a child's appearance before a court in a
1-45 judicial proceeding, including the use of a restraint on the child
1-46 and the clothing worn by the child during the proceeding; and

1-47 (E) commitment of children to the Texas Juvenile
1-48 Justice Department.

1-49 (b) The supreme court shall adopt the rules necessary to
1-50 accomplish the purposes of this section.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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