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S.B. No. 1702

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the powers and duties of the office of independent  
3 ombudsman for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 261.101, Human Resources Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

7 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
8 the powers of the office include:

9 (1) the inspection of:

10 (A) a facility operated by the department under  
11 Subtitle C;

12 (B) a post-adjudication secure correctional  
13 facility under Section 51.125, Family Code;

14 (C) a nonsecure correctional facility under  
15 Section 51.126, Family Code; and

16 (D) any other residential facility in which a  
17 child adjudicated as having engaged in conduct indicating a need  
18 for supervision or delinquent conduct is placed by court order; and

19 (2) the investigation of complaints alleging a  
20 violation of the rights of the children committed to or placed in a  
21 facility described by this subsection.

22 SECTION 2. The following provisions of the Human Resources  
23 Code are repealed:

24 (1) Section 261.101(e), as added by Section 11(b),

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1 Chapter 854 (S.B. 1149), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular  
2 Session, 2015; and

3 (2) Section [261.101\(e\)](#), as amended by Chapter 962  
4 (S.B. 1630), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.