

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1887
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 18, 2019, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 3, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 3, 2019,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Huffman	X			
1-10	Hughes	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Creighton	X			
1-13	Fallon	X			
1-14	Hall	X			
1-15	Lucio	X			
1-16	Nelson	X			
1-17	Zaffirini	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1887 By: Huffman

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to jurisdiction over certain child protection and juvenile
1-22 matters involving juvenile offenders.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 51.04, Family Code, is amended by
1-25 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (h) to read as
1-26 follows:

1-27 (a) This title covers the proceedings in all cases involving
1-28 the delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision
1-29 engaged in by a person who was a child within the meaning of this
1-30 title at the time the person engaged in the conduct, and, except as
1-31 provided by Subsection (h) or Section 51.0414, the juvenile court
1-32 has exclusive original jurisdiction over proceedings under this
1-33 title.

1-34 (h) A juvenile court judge may refer any aspect of a suit
1-35 instituted under Subtitle E, Title 5, to an associate judge
1-36 appointed under Subchapter C, Chapter 201, who serves in the
1-37 county, with the associate judge's consent. The scope of an
1-38 associate judge's authority over a suit referred under this
1-39 subsection is subject to any limitations placed by the juvenile
1-40 court judge in the order of referral.

1-41 SECTION 2. Chapter 51, Family Code, is amended by adding
1-42 Section 51.0414 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 51.0414. DISCRETIONARY TRANSFER FOR ADJUDICATION OR
1-44 DISPOSITION. The juvenile court may transfer a child's case,
1-45 including transcripts of records and documents for the case, to a
1-46 court located in a county that is exercising jurisdiction over the
1-47 child under Chapter 263 or 264 for adjudication of the case under
1-48 Section 54.03 or disposition of the case under Section 54.04.
1-49 Consent of the court to which the case is transferred under this
1-50 section is not required.

1-51 SECTION 3. Section 201.204, Family Code, is amended by
1-52 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-53 (e) An associate judge may hear and render an order in a suit
1-54 referred to the associate judge by a juvenile court under Section
1-55 51.04, subject to the limitations placed on the associate judge's
1-56 authority in the order of referral.

1-57 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-58 conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-59 Conduct that occurs before the effective date of this Act is
1-60 governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and

2-1 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For the
2-2 purposes of this section, conduct occurred before the effective
2-3 date of this Act if any element of the conduct occurred before that
2-4 date.

2-5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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