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S.B. No. 512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to youth diversion programs for children accused of certain fine-only offenses and related criminal justice matters; authorizing and imposing fees and fines.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 45, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. YOUTH DIVERSION

Art. 45.301. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Charge" means a formal or informal allegation of an offense, including a citation, written promise to appear, complaint, or pending complaint.

(2) "Child" has the meaning assigned by Article 45.058(h).

(3) "Diversion" means an intervention strategy that redirects a child from formal criminal prosecution and holds the child accountable for the child's actions. The term includes diversion under Article 45.310, 45.311, 45.313, or 45.314.

(4) "Offense" means a Class C misdemeanor other than a traffic offense.

(5) "Parent" has the meaning assigned by Article 45.057(a).

(6) "Service provider" means a governmental agency, political subdivision, open-enrollment charter school, nonprofit

1 organization, or other entity that provides services to children or
2 families.

3 (7) "Youth diversion plan" means a plan adopted under
4 Article 45.306.

5 Art. 45.302. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies only
6 to a child who is alleged to have engaged in conduct that
7 constitutes a Class C misdemeanor other than a traffic offense.

8 Art. 45.303. TRANSFER TO JUVENILE COURT NOT AFFECTED.
9 Nothing in this subchapter precludes:

10 (1) a case involving a child from being referred,
11 adjudicated, or disposed of as conduct indicating a need for
12 supervision under Title 3, Family Code; or

13 (2) a waiver of criminal jurisdiction and transfer of
14 a child's case as provided by Section 51.08, Family Code.

15 Art. 45.304. DIVERSION ELIGIBILITY. (a) Except as
16 provided by Subsection (b), a child shall be diverted from formal
17 criminal prosecution as provided by this subchapter.

18 (b) A child who is 15 years of age or older at the time the
19 child is alleged to have engaged in conduct that constitutes an
20 offense is not eligible for diversion if the child has previously
21 had two unsuccessful diversions under this subchapter for unrelated
22 offenses.

23 Art. 45.305. DIVERSION STRATEGIES. (a) Diversion
24 strategies include:

25 (1) requiring a child to participate in a program,
26 including:

27 (A) a court-approved teen court program operated

1 by a service provider;

2 (B) a school-related program;

3 (C) an educational program, including an alcohol
4 awareness program approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and
5 Regulation or a tobacco awareness program or a drug education
6 program approved by the Department of State Health Services;

7 (D) a rehabilitation program; or

8 (E) a self-improvement program, including a
9 program relating to self-esteem, leadership, self-responsibility,
10 empathy, parenting, parental responsibility, manners, violence
11 avoidance, anger management, life skills, wellness, or dispute
12 resolution;

13 (2) referring the child to a service provider for
14 services, including:

15 (A) at-risk youth services under Subchapter D,
16 Chapter 264, Family Code;

17 (B) juvenile case manager services under Article
18 45.056;

19 (C) work and job skills training, including job
20 interviewing and work preparation;

21 (D) academic monitoring or tutoring, including
22 preparation for a high school equivalency examination administered
23 under Section 7.111, Education Code;

24 (E) community-based services;

25 (F) mental health screening and clinical
26 assessment;

27 (G) counseling, including private or in-school

1 counseling; or

2 (H) mentoring services;

3 (3) requiring a child to:

4 (A) participate in mediation or other dispute
5 resolution processes;

6 (B) submit to alcohol or drug testing; or

7 (C) substantially comply with a course of
8 treatment prescribed by a physician or other licensed medical or
9 mental health professional; and

10 (4) requiring a child, by court order, to:

11 (A) pay restitution not to exceed \$100 for an
12 offense against property under Title 7, Penal Code;

13 (B) perform not more than 20 hours of community
14 service; or

15 (C) perform any other reasonable action
16 determined by the court.

17 (b) A diversion strategy may be imposed under:

18 (1) a disposition or diversion by law enforcement
19 under Article 45.310 or 45.311;

20 (2) an intermediate diversion from court under Article
21 45.313;

22 (3) a diversion by a justice or judge under Article
23 45.314; or

24 (4) a system of graduated sanctions for certain school
25 offenses under Section 37.144, Education Code.

26 Art. 45.306. YOUTH DIVERSION PLAN. (a) A youth diversion
27 plan is a written plan that describes the types of strategies that

1 will be used to implement youth diversion. A youth diversion plan
2 does not limit the types of diversion strategies that may be imposed
3 under a diversion agreement under Article 45.312.

4 (b) Each justice and municipal court shall adopt a youth
5 diversion plan.

6 (c) A youth diversion plan may be devised for a county or
7 municipality or an individual court within a county or
8 municipality.

9 (d) In accordance with Chapter 791, Government Code, a local
10 government may enter into an agreement with one or more local
11 governments to create a regional youth diversion plan and
12 collaborate in the implementation of this subchapter.

13 (e) A youth diversion plan may include an agreement with a
14 service provider to provide services for a diversion strategy.

15 (f) A youth diversion plan may contain guidelines for
16 disposition or diversion of a child's case by law enforcement under
17 Article 45.310 or 45.311. The guidelines are not mandatory.

18 (g) The guidelines adopted under Subsection (f) may not
19 allow for the disposition or diversion of a child's case under
20 Article 45.310 or 45.311 if there is probable cause to believe that
21 the child may be the victim of conduct that constitutes an offense
22 under Section 20A.02, Penal Code (trafficking of persons).

23 (h) A current youth diversion plan must be maintained on
24 file for public inspection in each justice and municipal court,
25 including courts that collaborate with one or more counties or
26 municipalities.

27 (i) A court or local government may adopt rules necessary to

1 coordinate services under a youth diversion plan or to implement
2 this subchapter.

3 Art. 45.307. YOUTH DIVERSION COORDINATOR. (a) A court may
4 designate a youth diversion coordinator to assist the court in:

5 (1) determining whether a youth is eligible for
6 diversion;

7 (2) employing a diversion strategy authorized by this
8 subchapter;

9 (3) presenting and maintaining diversion agreements;

10 (4) monitoring diversions;

11 (5) maintaining records regarding whether one or more
12 diversions were successful or unsuccessful; and

13 (6) coordinating referrals to court.

14 (b) The responsibilities of the youth diversion coordinator
15 may be performed by:

16 (1) a court administrator or court clerk, or a person
17 who regularly performs the duties of court administrator or court
18 clerk;

19 (2) an individual or entity that provides juvenile
20 case manager services under Article 45.056;

21 (3) a court-related services office;

22 (4) a community supervision and corrections
23 department;

24 (5) a county or municipal employee;

25 (6) a community volunteer;

26 (7) an institution of higher learning, including a
27 private or independent institution; or

1 (8) a qualified nonprofit organization.

2 Art. 45.308. YOUTH DIVERSION ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) A
3 commissioners court of a county or the governing body of a
4 municipality may establish a youth diversion advisory council.

5 (b) The purpose of a youth diversion advisory council is to
6 facilitate community input, suggest improvements to a youth
7 diversion plan, and make recommendations to accomplish the
8 following objectives:

9 (1) to provide children the option of an alternative,
10 non-adversarial procedure to resolve certain charges while
11 ensuring that the child's legal rights are protected;

12 (2) to authorize diversions from criminal prosecution
13 under this subchapter that emphasize accountability and
14 responsibility of the parent and the child for the child's conduct;

15 (3) to reduce recidivism and the occurrence of problem
16 behaviors without criminal prosecution in justice and municipal
17 courts;

18 (4) to identify at-risk youth and, where appropriate,
19 refer at-risk youth to services under Subchapter D, Chapter 264,
20 Family Code;

21 (5) to remove, where appropriate, the taint of
22 criminality and collateral consequences of criminal convictions
23 from children charged with certain unlawful acts;

24 (6) to encourage problem-solving approaches and the
25 use of evidence-based practices in focusing on outcomes that are in
26 the best interests of the child and the community; and

27 (7) to increase collaboration between governmental,

1 educational, and nonprofit organizations in devising local and
2 regional diversion strategies.

3 (c) The commissioners court of the county or governing body
4 of the municipality appoints the members of the youth diversion
5 advisory council. The members serve terms specified by the
6 commissioners court or governing body without compensation.

7 (d) County and municipal youth diversion advisory councils
8 may collaborate to identify best practices, share information and
9 resources, and coordinate diversion efforts under this subchapter.

10 (e) One or more counties or municipalities by agreement may
11 create a regional youth diversion advisory council.

12 Art. 45.309. WARNING NOTICE BY PEACE OFFICER. (a) In lieu
13 of taking a child into custody, issuing a citation, or filing a
14 complaint for an offense, a peace officer may issue a warning notice
15 to the child if:

16 (1) guidelines for issuing a warning notice have been
17 issued by the law enforcement agency employing the peace officer;

18 (2) the warning notice is authorized by the
19 guidelines;

20 (3) the warning notice identifies the child and
21 describes the child's alleged offense;

22 (4) a copy of the warning notice is sent to the child's
23 parent as soon as practicable; and

24 (5) a copy of the warning notice is filed with a
25 service provider, youth diversion coordinator, or other person
26 designated in the youth diversion plan.

27 (b) A warning notice filed under this article is not a

1 diversion but may be used as the basis of further action under the
2 terms of a diversion agreement.

3 Art. 45.310. PEACE OFFICER DISPOSITION. (a) In lieu of
4 issuing a citation to a child or filing a complaint in a justice or
5 municipal court, a peace officer may dispose of a case if:

6 (1) guidelines for a disposition under this article
7 have been adopted and are included in a youth diversion plan;

8 (2) the disposition is authorized by the guidelines;
9 and

10 (3) the peace officer makes a written report of the
11 officer's disposition to the law enforcement agency employing the
12 officer identifying the child and specifying the grounds for
13 believing that the child committed an offense.

14 (b) A disposition under this article may not include:

15 (1) keeping the child in law enforcement custody; or

16 (2) requiring the child to report periodically to a
17 peace officer, law enforcement agency, or other service provider.

18 (c) A disposition under this article may include:

19 (1) referral of the child to a service provider or
20 other diversion strategy specified in a youth diversion plan;

21 (2) a brief conference with the child and the child's
22 parent; or

23 (3) referral of the child and the child's parent for
24 at-risk youth services under Subchapter D, Chapter 264, Family
25 Code.

26 Art. 45.311. FIRST OFFENSE DIVERSION PROGRAM. (a) In this
27 article, "program" means a first offense diversion program

1 established under this article.

2 (b) As part of a youth diversion plan, a commissioners court
3 of a county or the governing body of a municipality may establish a
4 first offense diversion program for the referral and disposition of
5 a case before the filing of a charge for a first offense.

6 (c) A county or municipality in which a program has been
7 established shall designate one or more peace officers, law
8 enforcement agencies, or service providers to process children in
9 the program.

10 (d) In lieu of issuing a citation to a child or filing a
11 complaint in a justice or municipal court, a peace officer who has a
12 child in custody may refer the child to the peace officer, law
13 enforcement agency, or service provider designated under
14 Subsection (c) if:

15 (1) the child has not previously been referred to a
16 program under this article; and

17 (2) the officer reports the referral in writing to the
18 agency, identifying the child and specifying the grounds for taking
19 the child into custody or for accusing the child of the offense.

20 (e) A child's parent shall be notified that the child is
21 eligible to be referred to a first offense diversion program. The
22 notice must:

23 (1) state the grounds for believing that the child has
24 committed an offense;

25 (2) identify the peace officer, law enforcement
26 agency, or service provider to which the child may be referred;

27 (3) briefly describe the nature of the program; and

1 (4) state that the child's failure to complete the
2 program will result in the child being referred to court unless
3 stated otherwise in a youth diversion plan.

4 (f) Before a child is referred to a program, the child and
5 the child's parent must consent to the referral.

6 (g) A referral to a program under this article may be for a
7 period of not more than 180 days.

8 (h) Diversion strategies in a program may include:

9 (1) voluntary restitution by the child or the child's
10 parent to the victim of the child's conduct;

11 (2) voluntary community service by the child;

12 (3) educational or vocational training, counseling,
13 or other rehabilitative services;

14 (4) referral of the child to a service provider or
15 other diversion strategy specified in a youth diversion plan; and

16 (5) periodic reporting by the child to the peace
17 officer, law enforcement agency, or service provider to which the
18 child is referred.

19 (i) The case of a child who successfully completes a program
20 is closed and may not be referred to court.

21 (j) The case of a child referred to a program shall be
22 referred to a prosecutor or to court, or as specified in a youth
23 diversion plan, if:

24 (1) the child fails to complete the program;

25 (2) the child or the child's parent terminates the
26 child's participation in the program before the child completes the
27 program; or

1 (3) the child is alleged to have committed another
2 offense during the child's participation in the program.

3 (k) A statement made by a child to a person while
4 participating in a program may not be used against the child in any
5 subsequent court proceeding.

6 Art. 45.312. DIVERSION AGREEMENT. (a) A diversion
7 agreement must identify the parties to the agreement and the
8 responsibilities of the child and the child's parent to ensure
9 their meaningful participation in a diversion under Article 45.313
10 or 45.314.

11 (b) Stated objectives in a diversion agreement must be
12 measurable, realistic, and reasonable considering the
13 circumstances of the child and the best interests of the child and
14 the community.

15 (c) A diversion agreement must include:

16 (1) the terms of the agreement, including any
17 diversion strategy, written in a clear and concise manner and
18 identifying any offense or charge being diverted;

19 (2) possible consequences of a successful diversion
20 and an unsuccessful diversion;

21 (3) an explanation that participation in a diversion
22 is not an admission of guilt and a guilty plea is not required to
23 participate in a diversion;

24 (4) an explanation of the process that will be used for
25 reviewing and monitoring compliance with the terms of the
26 agreement;

27 (5) the period of the diversion;

1 (6) a verification that:

2 (A) the child and the child's parent were
3 notified of the child's rights, including the right to refuse
4 diversion; and

5 (B) the child knowingly and voluntarily consents
6 to participate in the diversion; and

7 (7) written acknowledgment and acceptance of the
8 agreement by the child and the child's parent.

9 (d) The terms of an agreement may vary depending on the
10 circumstances of the child, including the child's age and ability,
11 the charge being diverted, the diversion program, or the diversion
12 strategy.

13 (e) A charge may not be filed against a child or, if filed,
14 shall be dismissed if the child:

15 (1) does not contest the charge;

16 (2) is eligible for diversion under Article 45.304;

17 and

18 (3) accepts the terms of the agreement.

19 (f) Entering into a diversion agreement under this article
20 extends the court's jurisdiction for the term of the agreement.

21 (g) On entering into a diversion agreement, a copy of the
22 agreement shall be provided to the child and the child's parent, the
23 clerk of the court, a youth diversion coordinator, and any person
24 specified by the youth diversion plan.

25 Art. 45.313. INTERMEDIATE DIVERSION FROM COURT. (a) If
26 provided by a youth diversion plan and subject to the direction of
27 the court, a youth diversion coordinator, juvenile case manager, or

1 other designated officer of the court shall advise the child and the
2 child's parent before a case is filed that the case may be diverted
3 under this article for a reasonable period not to exceed 180 days
4 if:

5 (1) the child is eligible for diversion under Article
6 45.304;

7 (2) diversion is in the best interests of the child and
8 the community;

9 (3) the child and the child's parent consent to
10 diversion with the knowledge that diversion is optional; and

11 (4) the child and the child's parent are informed that
12 they may terminate the diversion at any time and, if terminated, the
13 case will be referred to court.

14 (b) The terms of a diversion agreement under this article
15 must be in writing and may include any of the diversion strategies
16 under Article 45.305.

17 (c) The case of a child who successfully complies with the
18 terms of a diversion agreement under this article shall be closed
19 and reported as successful to the court.

20 (d) A child who does not comply with the terms of a diversion
21 agreement under this article shall be referred to court under
22 Article 45.315.

23 (e) A statement made by a child or parent during a
24 discussion related to a diversion under this article may not be used
25 against a declarant in any subsequent court proceeding.

26 Art. 45.314. DIVERSION BY JUSTICE OR JUDGE. (a) If a
27 charge involving a child who is eligible for diversion is filed with

1 a court, a justice or judge shall divert the case under this
2 article.

3 (b) If the child does not contest the charge, a justice or
4 judge shall divert the case under this article without the child
5 having to enter a plea.

6 (c) If the child contests the charge, a justice or judge
7 shall divert the case under this article at the conclusion of trial
8 on a finding of guilt without entering a judgment of conviction as
9 provided by Article 45.041.

10 (d) A diversion under this article may not exceed 180 days.

11 (e) The terms of a diversion agreement under this article
12 must be in writing and may include any of the diversion strategies
13 described by Article 45.305.

14 (f) The case of a child who successfully complies with the
15 terms of a diversion agreement under this article shall be closed
16 and reported as successful to the court.

17 (g) A child who does not comply with the terms of a diversion
18 agreement under this article shall be referred to court for a
19 hearing under Article 45.315.

20 Art. 45.315. REFERRAL TO COURT. (a) A court shall conduct
21 a non-adversarial hearing for a child who does not successfully
22 complete the terms of a diversion under Article 45.311, 45.313, or
23 45.314 and is referred to court.

24 (b) The hearing is an opportunity for a justice or judge to
25 confer with the child and the child's parent to determine whether a
26 diversion should be declared unsuccessful by the court. The court
27 may also hear from any person who may be of assistance to the child

1 or the court in determining what is in the best interests of the
2 child and the community.

3 (c) After the hearing, a court may enter an order:

4 (1) amending or setting aside terms in a diversion
5 agreement;

6 (2) extending the diversion for a period not to exceed
7 one year;

8 (3) issuing a continuance for the hearing for a period
9 not to exceed 60 days to allow an opportunity for compliance with
10 the terms of a diversion;

11 (4) requiring the child's parent to do or refrain from
12 doing any act if the court determines that will increase the
13 likelihood the child will successfully complete the diversion and
14 comply with any other order of the court that is reasonable and
15 necessary for the welfare of the child;

16 (5) finding the diversion successful on the basis of
17 substantial compliance; or

18 (6) finding the diversion unsuccessful.

19 (d) If the court enters an order under Subsection (c)(6),
20 the court may transfer the child to juvenile court for alleged
21 conduct indicating a need for supervision under Section 51.08,
22 Family Code, if the child has previously had two unsuccessful
23 diversions.

24 (e) An order under Subsection (c)(4) is enforceable by
25 contempt.

26 Art. 45.316. LOCAL YOUTH DIVERSION ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.

27 (a) The clerk of a justice or municipal court may collect from a

1 child's parent a \$30 administrative fee to defray the costs of the
2 diversion of the child's case under this subchapter.

3 (b) The fee under this article may not be collected unless
4 specified as a term of the diversion agreement accepted by the
5 child's parent. If the fee is not paid after giving the child's
6 parent an opportunity to be heard, the court shall order the parent,
7 if financially able, to pay the fee to the clerk of the court.

8 (c) A court shall waive the fee if the child's parent is
9 indigent or does not have sufficient resources or income to pay the
10 fee.

11 (d) A court may adopt rules for the waiver of a fee for
12 financial hardship under this article.

13 (e) The clerk of the court shall keep a record of the fees
14 collected under this article and shall forward the funds to the
15 county treasurer, municipal treasurer, or person fulfilling the
16 role of a county treasurer or municipal treasurer, as appropriate.

17 (f) The fee collected under this article shall be deposited
18 in a special account that can be used only to offset the cost of the
19 operations of youth diversion programs under this subchapter.

20 (g) Except for the fee authorized under Subsection (a), a
21 fee may not be assessed for a child diverted under this subchapter.

22 (h) The diversion of a child may not be contingent on
23 payment of a fee under this article.

24 Art. 45.317. DIVERSION RECORDS. (a) A justice or
25 municipal court shall maintain statistics for each diversion
26 strategy authorized by this subchapter.

27 (b) Statistics indicating the number of warning notices

1 under Article 45.309 and types of dispositions or diversions made
2 by a law enforcement agency under Article 45.310 or 45.311 shall be
3 reported at least annually to the justice or municipal court or
4 youth diversion coordinator as specified by a youth diversion plan.
5 Statistics shall include the age, gender, and ethnicity of the
6 child and the offense alleged by law enforcement to have been
7 committed by the child.

8 (c) Other than statistical records, all records generated
9 under this subchapter are confidential under Article 45.0217.

10 (d) All records of a diversion pertaining to a child under
11 this subchapter may be expunged after the child's 17th birthday and
12 shall, without requirement for a motion or request, be expunged
13 before the child's 18th birthday.

14 SECTION 2. Articles 42.15(a-1) and (d), Code of Criminal
15 Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

16 (a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article,
17 during or immediately after imposing a sentence in a case in which
18 the defendant entered a plea in open court as provided by Article
19 27.13, 27.14(a), or 27.16(a), a court shall inquire whether the
20 defendant has sufficient resources or income to immediately pay all
21 or part of the fine and costs. If the court determines that the
22 defendant does not have sufficient resources or income to
23 immediately pay all or part of the fine and costs, the court shall
24 determine whether the fine and costs should be:

25 (1) subject to Subsection (c), required to be paid at
26 some later date or in a specified portion at designated intervals;

27 (2) discharged by performing community service

1 under~~[, as applicable,]~~ Article 43.09(f) or [~~, Article]~~ 45.049~~[,~~
2 Article 45.0492, as added by Chapter 227 (H.B. 350), Acts of the
3 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, or Article 45.0492, as
4 added by Chapter 777 (H.B. 1964), Acts of the 82nd Legislature,
5 Regular Session, 2011];

6 (3) waived in full or in part under Article 43.091 or
7 45.0491; or

8 (4) satisfied through any combination of methods under
9 Subdivisions (1)-(3).

10 (d) A judge may allow a defendant who is a child, as defined
11 by Article 45.058(h), to elect at the time of conviction, as defined
12 by Section 133.101, Local Government Code, to discharge the fine
13 and costs by:

14 (1) performing community service or receiving
15 tutoring under Article 45.049 [~~45.0492, as added by Chapter 227~~
16 ~~(H.B. 350), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011]~~;
17 or

18 (2) paying the fine and costs in a manner described by
19 Subsection (b).

20 SECTION 3. Article 44.2811, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
21 amended by Chapters 1257 (H.B. 528), 1319 (S.B. 394), and 1407 (S.B.
22 393), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is
23 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

24 Art. 44.2811. RECORDS RELATING TO CERTAIN [~~OR RECEIVING~~
25 ~~DEFERRED DISPOSITION FOR]~~ FINE-ONLY MISDEMEANORS COMMITTED BY A
26 CHILD. All records and files and information stored by electronic
27 means or otherwise, from which a record or file could be generated,

1 relating to a criminal case for a fine-only misdemeanor, other than
2 a traffic offense, that is committed by a child and that is appealed
3 are confidential and may not be disclosed to the public except as
4 provided under Article 45.0217(b). [~~(a) This article applies only~~
5 ~~to a misdemeanor offense punishable by fine only, other than a~~
6 ~~traffic offense.~~

7 [~~(b) All records and files and information stored by~~
8 ~~electronic means or otherwise, from which a record or file could be~~
9 ~~generated, relating to a child who is convicted of and has satisfied~~
10 ~~the judgment for or who has received a dismissal after deferral of~~
11 ~~disposition for an offense described by Subsection (a) are~~
12 ~~confidential and may not be disclosed to the public except as~~
13 ~~provided under Article 45.0217(b).]~~

14 SECTION 4. Article 45.0215(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 (a) Subject to the requirements of Subchapter E, this [~~This~~]
17 article applies to a defendant who has not had the disabilities of
18 minority removed and has been:

19 (1) charged with an offense other than an offense
20 under Section 43.261, Penal Code, if the defendant is younger than
21 17 years of age; or

22 (2) charged with an offense under Section 43.261,
23 Penal Code, if the defendant is younger than 18 years of age.

24 SECTION 5. Article 45.0217, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
25 amended by Chapters 1257 (H.B. 528), 1319 (S.B. 394), and 1407 (S.B.
26 393), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is
27 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1 Art. 45.0217. CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS RELATED TO CHARGES
2 AGAINST OR ~~[THE]~~ CONVICTION OF ~~[OR DEFERRAL OF DISPOSITION FOR]~~ A
3 CHILD. (a) ~~[This article applies only to a misdemeanor offense~~
4 ~~punishable by fine only, other than a traffic offense.~~

5 ~~[(a-1)]~~ Except as provided by Article 15.27 and Subsection
6 (b), all records and files, including those held by law
7 enforcement, and information stored by electronic means or
8 otherwise, from which a record or file could be generated, relating
9 to a child who is charged with, is convicted of, is found not guilty
10 of, had a charge dismissed for, or is granted deferred disposition
11 for a fine-only misdemeanor ~~[for or who has received a dismissal~~
12 ~~after deferral of disposition for an]~~ offense other than a traffic
13 offense ~~[described by Subsection (a)]~~ are confidential and may not
14 be disclosed to the public.

15 (b) Information subject to Subsection (a) ~~[(a-1)]~~ may be
16 open to inspection only by:

17 (1) judges, prosecutors, and the staff of the judges
18 or prosecutors ~~[or court staff]~~;

19 (2) a criminal justice agency for a criminal justice
20 purpose, as those terms are defined by Section 411.082, Government
21 Code;

22 (3) the Department of Public Safety;

23 (4) an attorney for a party to the proceeding;

24 (5) the child defendant; ~~[or]~~

25 (6) the defendant's parent, guardian, or managing
26 conservator;

27 (7) a governmental agency if the disclosure is:

1 (A) required or authorized by law; or

2 (B) for the purpose of maintaining statistical
3 records of recidivism and for diagnosis and classification;

4 (8) an individual or entity to whom the child is
5 referred for treatment or services if the agency or institution
6 disclosing the information has entered into a written
7 confidentiality agreement with the individual or entity regarding
8 the protection of the disclosed information; or

9 (9) with leave of the justice or municipal court, any
10 other person having a legitimate interest in the proceeding or in
11 the work of the court.

12 SECTION 6. Articles 45.041(a-1), (b-3), and (b-5), Code of
13 Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

14 (a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article,
15 during or immediately after imposing a sentence in a case in which
16 the defendant entered a plea in open court as provided by Article
17 27.14(a) or 27.16(a), the justice or judge shall inquire whether
18 the defendant has sufficient resources or income to immediately pay
19 all or part of the fine and costs. If the justice or judge
20 determines that the defendant does not have sufficient resources or
21 income to immediately pay all or part of the fine and costs, the
22 justice or judge shall determine whether the fine and costs should
23 be:

24 (1) subject to Subsection (b-2), required to be paid
25 at some later date or in a specified portion at designated
26 intervals;

27 (2) discharged by performing community service

1 under [~~as applicable,~~] Article 45.049 [~~Article 45.0492, as added~~
2 ~~by Chapter 227 (H.B. 350), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular~~
3 ~~Session, 2011, or Article 45.0492, as added by Chapter 777 (H.B.~~
4 ~~1964), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011]~~;

5 (3) waived in full or in part under Article 45.0491; or

6 (4) satisfied through any combination of methods under
7 Subdivisions (1)-(3).

8 (b-3) If a diversion is not required under Subchapter E or
9 Subsection (b-5), a [A] judge shall [may] allow a defendant who is a
10 child, as defined by Article 45.058(h), to elect at the time of
11 conviction, as defined by Section 133.101, Local Government Code,
12 to discharge the fine and costs by:

13 (1) performing community service or receiving
14 tutoring under Article 45.049 [~~45.0492, as added by Chapter 227~~
15 ~~(H.B. 350), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011]~~;
16 or

17 (2) paying the fine and costs in a manner described by
18 Subsection (b).

19 (b-5) If a case involving a child who is eligible for
20 diversion under Article 45.304 results in a trial, on a finding of
21 guilt, without entering a judgment, sentence, or conviction, the
22 justice or judge shall order a diversion under Article 45.314 [~~The~~
23 ~~requirement under Article 45.0492(a), as added by Chapter 227 (H.B.~~
24 ~~350), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, that an~~
25 ~~offense occur in a building or on the grounds of the primary or~~
26 ~~secondary school at which the defendant was enrolled at the time of~~
27 ~~the offense does not apply to the performance of community service~~

1 ~~or the receipt of tutoring to discharge a fine or costs under~~
2 ~~Subsection (b-3)(1)].~~

3 SECTION 7. Articles 45.049(a), (b), (c), (d), (f), and (i),
4 Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

5 (a) A justice or judge may require a defendant who fails to
6 pay a previously assessed fine or costs, ~~[or]~~ who is determined by
7 the court to have insufficient resources or income to pay a fine or
8 costs, or who is a child and assessed a fine or costs to discharge
9 all or part of the fine or costs by performing community service. A
10 defendant may discharge an obligation to perform community service
11 under this article by paying at any time the fine and costs
12 assessed.

13 (b) In the justice's or judge's order requiring a defendant
14 to perform community service under this article, the justice or
15 judge must specify:

16 (1) the number of hours of community service the
17 defendant is required to perform, not to exceed 20 hours if the
18 defendant is a child; and

19 (2) the date by which the defendant must submit to the
20 court documentation verifying the defendant's completion of the
21 community service.

22 (c) The justice or judge may order the defendant to perform
23 community service under this article:

24 (1) by attending:

25 (A) a work and job skills training program;

26 (B) a preparatory class for the high school
27 equivalency examination administered under Section 7.111,

1 Education Code;

2 (C) an alcohol or drug abuse program;

3 (D) a rehabilitation program;

4 (E) a counseling program, including a
5 self-improvement program;

6 (F) a mentoring program;

7 (G) a tutoring program if the defendant is a
8 child; or

9 (H) [~~(G)~~] any similar activity; or

10 (2) for:

11 (A) a governmental entity;

12 (B) a nonprofit organization or another
13 organization that provides services to the general public that
14 enhance social welfare and the general well-being of the community,
15 as determined by the justice or judge; or

16 (C) an educational institution.

17 (d) A justice or judge may not order a defendant to perform
18 more than 16 hours per week of community service under this article
19 unless the justice or judge determines that requiring the defendant
20 to perform additional hours does not impose an undue hardship on the
21 defendant or the defendant's dependents, or if the defendant is a
22 child, on the defendant or the defendant's family. In this
23 subsection, "family" has the meaning assigned by Section 71.003,
24 Family Code.

25 (f) A sheriff, employee of a sheriff's department, county
26 commissioner, county employee, county judge, justice of the peace,
27 municipal court judge, or officer or employee of a political

1 subdivision other than a county or an entity that accepts a
2 defendant under this article or Subchapter E to perform community
3 service is not liable for damages arising from an act or failure to
4 act in connection with community service performed by a defendant
5 under this article or Subchapter E if the act or failure to act:

6 (1) was performed pursuant to court order; and

7 (2) was not intentional, wilfully or wantonly
8 negligent, or performed with conscious indifference or reckless
9 disregard for the safety of others.

10 (i) A community supervision and corrections department, a
11 local juvenile probation department, or a court-related services
12 office may provide the administrative and other services necessary
13 for supervision of a defendant required to perform community
14 service under this article.

15 SECTION 8. Article 45.051(a-1), Code of Criminal Procedure,
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 (a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, as an
18 alternative to requiring a defendant charged with one or more
19 offenses to make payment of all fines and court costs as required by
20 Subsection (a), the judge may:

21 (1) allow the defendant to enter into an agreement for
22 payment of those fines and costs in installments during the
23 defendant's period of probation;

24 (2) require an eligible defendant to discharge all or
25 part of those fines and costs by performing community service or
26 attending a tutoring program under Article 45.049 [~~or under Article~~
27 ~~45.0492, as added by Chapter 227 (H.B. 350), Acts of the 82nd~~

1 ~~Legislature, Regular Session, 2011]~~;

2 (3) waive all or part of those fines and costs under
3 Article 45.0491; or

4 (4) take any combination of actions authorized by
5 Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).

6 SECTION 9. Articles 45.056(a), (b), (d), (e), (g), and (h),
7 Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) On approval of the commissioners court, city council,
9 school district board of trustees, juvenile board, or other
10 appropriate authority, a county court, justice court, municipal
11 court, school district, juvenile probation department, or other
12 appropriate governmental entity may:

13 (1) employ a juvenile case manager or contract for a
14 juvenile case manager to provide services in cases involving:

15 (A) youth diversion under Subchapter E;

16 (B) children [~~juvenile offenders~~] who are before
17 a court consistent with the court's statutory powers; or

18 (C) children who are referred to a court by a
19 school administrator or designee for misconduct that would
20 otherwise be within the court's statutory powers prior to a case
21 being filed, with the consent of the juvenile and the juvenile's
22 parents or guardians;

23 (2) employ or contract for the services of one or more
24 juvenile case managers who:

25 (A) shall assist the court in administering the
26 court's juvenile docket and in supervising the court's orders in
27 juvenile cases; and

1 (B) may provide:

2 (i) prevention services to a child
3 considered at risk of entering the juvenile justice system; and

4 (ii) youth diversion [~~intervention~~]
5 services to juveniles engaged in misconduct before cases are filed,
6 excluding traffic offenses; or

7 (3) agree in accordance with Chapter 791, Government
8 Code, with any appropriate governmental entity to jointly employ a
9 juvenile case manager, jointly contract for juvenile case manager
10 services, or [~~to~~] jointly contribute to the costs of a juvenile case
11 manager or juvenile case manager [~~employed by one governmental~~
12 ~~entity to provide~~] services described by Subdivisions (1) and (2).

13 (b) A local entity may apply or more than one local entity
14 may jointly apply to the criminal justice division of the
15 governor's office for reimbursement of all or part of the costs of
16 employing one or more juvenile case managers or contracting for
17 juvenile case manager services from funds appropriated to the
18 governor's office or otherwise available for purposes of youth
19 diversion [~~that purpose~~]. To be eligible for reimbursement, the
20 entity applying must present to the governor's office a
21 comprehensive plan to reduce juvenile crimes in the entity's
22 jurisdiction and a youth diversion plan under Article 45.306 that
23 addresses the role of the juvenile case manager in that effort.

24 (d) The court or governing body may pay from the local youth
25 diversion fund established under Section 134.156, Local Government
26 Code:

27 (1) the salary and benefits of a juvenile case

1 manager;

2 (2) the costs of contracting for juvenile case manager
3 services; and

4 (3) the costs of training, travel, office supplies,
5 and other necessary expenses relating to the position of the
6 juvenile case manager and juvenile case manager services [~~from the~~
7 ~~local truancy prevention and diversion fund established under~~
8 ~~Section 134.156, Local Government Code~~].

9 (e) A juvenile case manager [~~employed under Subsection (c)~~]
10 shall give priority to cases brought under Section [~~Sections~~]
11 25.093 [~~and 25.094~~], Education Code, Chapter 65, Family Code, and
12 youth diversion under Subchapter E.

13 (g) A [~~The employing~~] court or governmental entity under
14 this article shall implement the rules adopted under Subsection
15 (f).

16 (h) The commissioners court or governing body of the
17 municipality that administers a local youth [~~truancy prevention~~
18 ~~and~~] diversion fund under Section 134.156, Local Government Code,
19 shall require periodic review of juvenile case managers to ensure
20 the implementation of the rules adopted under Subsection (f).

21 SECTION 10. Article 45.056(c), Code of Criminal Procedure,
22 as amended by Chapters 1213 (S.B. 1419) and 1407 (S.B. 393), Acts of
23 the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (c) An entity that jointly employs a juvenile case manager,
26 jointly contracts for juvenile case manager services, or jointly
27 contributes to the costs of a juvenile case manager or juvenile case

1 manager services under Subsection (a)(3) employs a juvenile case
2 manager for purposes of Chapter 102 of this code and Chapter 102,
3 Government Code.

4 SECTION 11. The heading to Article 102.014, Code of
5 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

6 Art. 102.014. FINES FOR CHILD SAFETY FUND [~~IN~~
7 ~~MUNICIPALITIES~~].

8 SECTION 12. Articles 102.014(g) and (h), Code of Criminal
9 Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

10 (g) In a municipality with a population less than 850,000
11 according to the most recent federal decennial census, the money
12 collected under this article in a municipal court case must be used
13 for a school crossing guard program if the municipality operates
14 one. If the municipality does not operate a school crossing guard
15 program or if the money received from fines from municipal court
16 cases exceeds the amount necessary to fund the school crossing
17 guard program, the municipality may:

18 (1) deposit the additional money in an
19 interest-bearing account;

20 (2) expend the additional money for programs designed
21 to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition, including child
22 abuse prevention and intervention, youth diversion, and drug and
23 alcohol abuse prevention; or

24 (3) expend the additional money for programs designed
25 to enhance public safety and security.

26 (h) Money collected under this article in a justice, county,
27 or district court shall be used to fund school crossing guard

1 programs in the county where they are collected. If the county does
2 not operate a school crossing guard program, the county may:

3 (1) remit fine revenues to school districts in its
4 jurisdiction for the purpose of providing school crossing guard
5 services;

6 (2) fund programs the county is authorized by law to
7 provide which are designed to enhance child safety, health, or
8 nutrition, including child abuse prevention and intervention,
9 youth diversion, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention;

10 (3) provide funding to the sheriff's department for
11 school-related activities;

12 (4) provide funding to the county juvenile probation
13 department; or

14 (5) deposit the money in the general fund of the
15 county.

16 SECTION 13. Article 102.0171, Code of Criminal Procedure,
17 is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding
18 Subsection (e) to read as follows:

19 (a) A defendant convicted of an offense under Section 28.08,
20 Penal Code, in a municipal court, justice court, county court,
21 county court at law, or district court shall pay a fine of \$50 for
22 juvenile delinquency prevention and graffiti eradication.

23 (c) The clerks of the respective courts shall collect the
24 fines and pay the fines to the county treasurer, municipal
25 treasurer, or to any other official who discharges the duties
26 commonly delegated to the county or municipal treasurer for deposit
27 in a fund to be known as the county juvenile delinquency prevention

1 fund or municipal juvenile delinquency prevention fund. A fund
2 designated by this subsection may be used only to:

3 (1) repair damage caused by the commission of offenses
4 under Section 28.08, Penal Code;

5 (2) provide educational and intervention programs and
6 materials, including printed educational materials for
7 distribution to primary and secondary school students, designed to
8 prevent individuals from committing offenses under Section 28.08,
9 Penal Code;

10 (3) provide to the public rewards for identifying and
11 aiding in the apprehension and prosecution of offenders who commit
12 offenses under Section 28.08, Penal Code;

13 (4) provide funding for teen recognition and teen
14 recreation programs;

15 (5) provide funding for local teen court programs;

16 (6) provide funding for the local juvenile probation
17 department; ~~and~~

18 (7) provide educational and intervention programs
19 designed to prevent juveniles from engaging in delinquent conduct;
20 and

21 (8) provide funding for youth diversion under
22 Subchapter E, Chapter 45.

23 (e) The municipal juvenile delinquency prevention fund
24 shall be administered by or under the direction of the governing
25 body of a municipality.

26 SECTION 14. Section 52.03(a), Family Code, is amended to
27 read as follows:

1 (a) A law-enforcement officer authorized by this title to
2 take a child into custody may dispose of the case of a child taken
3 into custody [~~or accused of a Class C misdemeanor, other than a~~
4 ~~traffic offense,~~] without referral to juvenile court [~~or charging a~~
5 ~~child in a court of competent criminal jurisdiction,~~] if:

6 (1) guidelines for such disposition have been adopted
7 by the juvenile board of the county in which the disposition is made
8 as required by Section 52.032;

9 (2) the disposition is authorized by the guidelines;
10 and

11 (3) the officer makes a written report of the officer's
12 disposition to the law-enforcement agency, identifying the child
13 and specifying the grounds for believing that the taking into
14 custody [~~or accusation of criminal conduct~~] was authorized.

15 SECTION 15. Section 52.031(a), Family Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (a) A juvenile board may establish a first offender program
18 under this section for the referral and disposition of children
19 taken into custody for [~~, or accused prior to the filing of a~~
20 ~~criminal charge, of~~]:

21 (1) conduct indicating a need for supervision; or

22 (2) [~~a Class C misdemeanor, other than a traffic~~
23 ~~offense, or~~

24 [~~(3)~~] delinquent conduct other than conduct that
25 constitutes:

26 (A) a felony of the first, second, or third
27 degree, an aggravated controlled substance felony, or a capital

1 felony; or

2 (B) a state jail felony or misdemeanor involving
3 violence to a person or the use or possession of a firearm,
4 location-restricted knife, or club, as those terms are defined by
5 Section 46.01, Penal Code, or a prohibited weapon, as described by
6 Section 46.05, Penal Code.

7 SECTION 16. Sections 52.031(d), (f), (i), and (j), Family
8 Code, as amended by Chapters 1407 (S.B. 393) and 1409 (S.B. 1114),
9 Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are reenacted
10 and amended to read as follows:

11 (d) A law enforcement officer taking a child into custody
12 [~~or accusing a child of an offense described in Subsection (a)(2)~~]
13 may refer the child to the law enforcement officer or agency
14 designated under Subsection (b) for disposition under the first
15 offender program and not refer the child to juvenile court [~~or a~~
16 ~~court of competent criminal jurisdiction~~] only if:

17 (1) the child has not previously been adjudicated as
18 having engaged in delinquent conduct;

19 (2) the referral complies with guidelines for
20 disposition under Subsection (c); and

21 (3) the officer reports in writing the referral to the
22 agency, identifying the child and specifying the grounds for taking
23 the child into custody [~~or accusing a child of an offense described~~
24 ~~in Subsection (a)(2)~~].

25 (f) The parent, guardian, or other custodian of the child
26 must receive notice that the child has been referred for
27 disposition under the first offender program. The notice must:

1 (1) state the grounds for taking the child into
2 custody [~~or accusing a child of an offense described in Subsection~~
3 ~~(a)(2)~~];

4 (2) identify the law enforcement officer or agency to
5 which the child was referred;

6 (3) briefly describe the nature of the program; and

7 (4) state that the child's failure to complete the
8 program will result in the child being referred to the juvenile
9 court [~~or a court of competent criminal jurisdiction~~].

10 (i) The case of a child who successfully completes the first
11 offender program is closed and may not be referred to juvenile court
12 [~~or a court of competent criminal jurisdiction~~], unless the child
13 is taken into custody under circumstances described by Subsection
14 (j)(3).

15 (j) The case of a child referred for disposition under the
16 first offender program shall be referred to juvenile court [~~or a~~
17 ~~court of competent criminal jurisdiction~~] if:

18 (1) the child fails to complete the program;

19 (2) the child or the parent, guardian, or other
20 custodian of the child terminates the child's participation in the
21 program before the child completes it; or

22 (3) the child completes the program but is taken into
23 custody under Section 52.01 before the 90th day after the date the
24 child completes the program for conduct other than the conduct for
25 which the child was referred to the first offender program.

26 SECTION 17. Section 264.302(e), Family Code, is amended to
27 read as follows:

1 (e) The department shall provide services for a child and
2 the child's family if a contract to provide services under this
3 section is available in the county and the child is referred to the
4 department as an at-risk child by:

5 (1) a juvenile court or probation department as part
6 of a progressive sanctions program under Chapter 59;

7 (2) a law enforcement officer or agency under Article
8 45.310 or 45.311, Code of Criminal Procedure, or Section 52.03 of
9 this code; or

10 (3) a justice or municipal court under Article 45.057,
11 45.313, or 45.314, Code of Criminal Procedure.

12 SECTION 18. Subchapter F, Chapter 102, Government Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 102.1011 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 102.1011. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION AND
15 GRAFFITI ERADICATION FINE ON CONVICTION IN JUSTICE COURT: CODE OF
16 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. The clerk of a justice court shall collect from
17 a defendant a juvenile delinquency prevention and graffiti
18 eradication fine of \$50 under Article 102.0171, Code of Criminal
19 Procedure, on conviction of an offense under Section 28.08, Penal
20 Code.

21 SECTION 19. Subchapter G, Chapter 102, Government Code, is
22 amended by adding Section 102.1211 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 102.1211. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION AND
24 GRAFFITI ERADICATION FINE ON CONVICTION IN MUNICIPAL COURT: CODE OF
25 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. The clerk of a municipal court shall collect
26 from a defendant a juvenile delinquency prevention and graffiti
27 eradication fine of \$50 under Article 102.0171, Code of Criminal

1 Procedure, on conviction of an offense under Section 28.08, Penal
2 Code.

3 SECTION 20. Subchapter B, Chapter 103, Government Code, is
4 amended by adding Section 103.02102 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 103.02102. ADDITIONAL FEE FOR YOUTH DIVERSION: CODE OF
6 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. A parent of a child participating in a
7 diversion program shall, if ordered by the court under Article
8 45.316, Code of Criminal Procedure, pay a fee of \$30 to defray the
9 costs of youth diversion programs under Subchapter E, Chapter 45,
10 Code of Criminal Procedure.

11 SECTION 21. Section 133.102(e), Local Government Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (e) The comptroller shall allocate the court costs received
14 under this section to the following accounts and funds so that each
15 receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data as
16 applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have
17 received if the court costs for the accounts and funds had been
18 collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund
19 may not receive less than the following percentages:

20 (1) crime stoppers assistance account
21 0.2427 percent;

22 (2) breath alcohol testing account
23 0.3900 percent;

24 (3) Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management
25 Institute account
26 1.4741 percent;

27 (4) Texas Commission on Law Enforcement account

1 3.4418 percent;
2 (5) law enforcement and custodial officer supplement
3 retirement trust fund
4 7.2674 percent;
5 (6) criminal justice planning account
6 8.5748 percent;
7 (7) an account in the state treasury to be used only
8 for the establishment and operation of the Center for the Study and
9 Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency at Prairie View A&M
10 University
11 0.8540 percent;
12 (8) compensation to victims of crime account
13 24.6704 percent;
14 (9) emergency radio infrastructure account
15 3.6913 percent;
16 (10) judicial and court personnel training account
17 3.3224 percent;
18 (11) an account in the state treasury to be used for
19 the establishment and operation of the Correctional Management
20 Institute of Texas and Criminal Justice Center account [~~Account~~]
21 0.8522 percent;
22 (12) fair defense account
23 17.8857 percent;
24 (13) judicial fund
25 12.2667 percent;
26 (14) DNA testing account
27 0.1394 percent;

- 1 (15) specialty court account
2 1.0377 percent;
3 (16) statewide electronic filing system account
4 0.5485 percent;
5 (17) jury service fund
6 6.4090 percent;
7 (18) youth [~~truancy prevention and~~] diversion account
8 2.5956 percent; and
9 (19) transportation administrative fee account
10 4.3363 percent.

11 SECTION 22. Section [133.125](#), Local Government Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 133.125. ALLOCATION OF FEES TO YOUTH [~~TRUANCY~~
14 ~~PREVENTION AND~~] DIVERSION ACCOUNT. (a) The youth [~~truancy~~
15 ~~prevention and~~] diversion account is a dedicated account in the
16 general revenue fund. The account consists of money allocated to
17 the account under Section [133.102](#)(e).

18 (b) The legislature may appropriate money from the youth
19 [~~truancy prevention and~~] diversion account only to the criminal
20 justice division of the governor's office for distribution to local
21 governmental entities for youth diversion [~~truancy prevention and~~
22 ~~intervention~~] services.

23 (c) A local governmental entity may request funds from the
24 criminal justice division of the governor's office for providing
25 youth diversion [~~truancy prevention and intervention~~] services.
26 The division may award the requested funds based on the
27 availability of appropriated funds and subject to the application

1 procedure and eligibility requirements specified by division rule.

2 SECTION 23. Section 134.103(b), Local Government Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) The treasurer shall allocate the court costs received
5 under this section to the following accounts and funds so that each
6 receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data as
7 applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have
8 received if the court costs for the accounts and funds had been
9 collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund
10 may not receive less than the following percentages:

11 (1) the courthouse security fund or municipal court
12 building security fund, as appropriate
13 35 percent;

14 (2) the local youth [~~truancy prevention and~~] diversion
15 fund
16 35.7143 percent;

17 (3) the justice court technology fund or municipal
18 court technology fund, as appropriate
19 28.5714 percent; and

20 (4) the county or municipal jury fund, as appropriate
21 0.7143 percent.

22 SECTION 24. The heading to Section 134.156, Local
23 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 134.156. LOCAL YOUTH [~~TRUANCY PREVENTION AND~~]
25 DIVERSION FUND.

26 SECTION 25. Section 134.156(a), Local Government Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (a) Money allocated under Section 134.103 to the local youth
2 ~~[truancy prevention and]~~ diversion fund maintained in the county or
3 municipal treasury as required by Section 134.151 may be used by a
4 county or municipality to finance the salary, benefits, training,
5 travel expenses, office supplies, and other necessary expenses
6 relating to the position of a juvenile case manager employed or
7 contracted under Article 45.056, Code of Criminal Procedure. If
8 there is money in the fund after those costs are paid, subject to
9 the direction of the governing body of the county or municipality
10 and on approval by the employing court, a juvenile case manager may
11 direct the remaining money to be used to implement programs
12 directly related to the duties of the juvenile case manager,
13 including juvenile alcohol and substance abuse programs,
14 educational and leadership programs, and any other projects
15 designed to prevent or reduce the number of juvenile referrals to
16 the court.

17 SECTION 26. The following laws are repealed:

18 (1) Article 45.0492, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
19 added by Chapter 227 (H.B. 350), Acts of the 82nd Legislature,
20 Regular Session, 2011;

21 (2) Article 45.0492, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
22 added by Chapter 777 (H.B. 1964), Acts of the 82nd Legislature,
23 Regular Session, 2011;

24 (3) Article 42.15(f), Code of Criminal Procedure; and

25 (4) Section 52.031(a-1), Family Code.

26 SECTION 27. Not later than September 1, 2022, each justice
27 and municipal court shall implement a youth diversion plan under

1 Subchapter E, Chapter 45, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by
2 this Act.

3 SECTION 28. The changes in law made by this Act apply only
4 to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2022. An offense
5 committed before September 1, 2022, is governed by the law in effect
6 on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is
7 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
8 an offense was committed before September 1, 2022, if any element of
9 the offense occurred before that date.

10 SECTION 29. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.