BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The director of juvenile justice for Galveston County reached out to their state elected officials to express interest in amending the Galveston County Juvenile Board's meeting requirements. Currently, Section 152.0901(d) of the Human Resources Code requires the board to meet monthly to discuss business. Board members have communicated that this requirement is burdensome and unnecessary in relation to their workload.

Section 152.0002 of the Human Resources Code merely requires quarterly meetings for juvenile boards across the state. The Galveston County juvenile board requests that their meeting requirement be aligned with other juvenile boards in the state.

The bill repeals Section 152.0901(d) of the Human Resources Code to eliminate the monthly meeting requirement for the Galveston County Juvenile Board. The bill also amends Subsection (i) of the same section to allow the quarterly meeting requirements of Section 152.0002 to apply to the board.

H.B. 5309 amends current law relating to the meeting requirements for the Galveston County Juvenile Board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.0901(i), Human Resources Code, by deleting existing text providing that Section 152.0002 (Board Meetings) does not apply to the juvenile board of Galveston County (board).

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 152.0901(d) (relating to requiring the board to meet monthly to review the work of the chief juvenile probation officer and the other juvenile probation officers and to consider any matter relating to juveniles and the disposition of cases relating to juveniles pending before the juvenile court), Human Resources Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.