

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
TIME & DATE: 9:30 AM, Monday, August 26, 2024
PLACE: E2.014
CHAIR: Rep. Harold V. Dutton, Jr.

The Committee will meet to consider and hear invited testimony only on the following interim charges:

Interim Charge #1: Monitoring - Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 88th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), related to giving updates on the status of the agency, and how past legislation has impacted the agency, both good and bad, as well as providing updates to the ways the agency can and will utilize funding to provide better resources serving juveniles.

Interim Charge #2: "Best Interest of Child" in Family Law: Examine the Texas Family Code definition of "best interest of child" used in determining issues of conservatorship of and access to a child; determine whether policy changes can better protect the rights and interest of children and parents.

Interim Charge #3: Juvenile Justice System Outcomes - Evaluate the system for adjudicating and disposing of cases involving delinquent conduct and determine whether changes to juvenile court proceedings and improvements to the planning and funding for services to keep children in the juvenile justice system closer to home will lead to better overall outcomes for youth and public safety.

Electronic public comments may be submitted for:

Monitoring Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD)
Office of Inspector General
Office of the Independent Ombudsman
Examination of the "Best Interest" definition.
Adjudication and disposition of juvenile cases.

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.Texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

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