

SUBJECT: Requiring TJJD to collect data on minors placed in disciplinary seclusion

COMMITTEE: Corrections — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 5 ayes — Parker, White, Allen, Rose, J.D. Sheffield

0 nays — None

2 absent — Riddle, Toth

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, May 1 — 30-1 (Williams)

WITNESSES: No public hearing.

DIGEST: SB 1517 would require the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD or department) to collect data from juvenile facilities annually regarding incidents of disciplinary seclusion, which would mean separation of a resident from the other residents for more than 90 minutes.

The department would have to record and make publicly available:

- the number of placements in disciplinary seclusion lasting at least 90 minutes but less than 24 hours;
- the number of placements in disciplinary seclusion lasting at least 24 hours but less than 48 hours; and
- the number of placements in disciplinary seclusion lasting 48 hours or longer.

The bill would apply to a facility that served juveniles under juvenile court jurisdiction and was operated as a pre-adjudication secure detention facility, short-term detention facility, or post-adjudication secure correctional facility.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2013.