

BILL ANALYSIS

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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, juvenile justice alternative education programs (JJAEP) are required to have a 180-day operating period, so they cannot operate according to the same calendar year as that used by the school districts of their own service areas. The result is lower attendance than would be the case if both programs were operating in parallel. As proposed, C.S.S.B. 189 allows a JJAEP to apply for a waiver of the 180-day requirement.

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 37.011(f), Education Code, to authorize a juvenile justice alternative education program to apply to the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (commission) for a waiver of the 180-day requirement. Prohibits the commission from granting a waiver to a program under this subsection for a number of days that exceeds the highest number of instructional days waived by the commissioner during the same school year for a school district served by the program.

SECTION 2. Makes this Act applicable beginning with the 2001-2002 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends As Filed S.B. 189, Section 37.011(f), Education Code, as follows:

- Replaces applying with the commissioner of education with for a waiver with applying to the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.
- Deletes previous new language regarding a school district seeking a waiver with prohibiting the commission from granting a waiver for a certain number of days.