

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 678  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, some Teen Courts are experiencing an undue and unnecessary burden in the execution of juvenile justice. As proposed, S.B. 678 would amend the period a justice or municipal court is authorized to defer proceedings.

### **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 Articles 45.052(a) and (c), Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize a justice or municipal court to defer proceedings against a defendant who is under the age of 18 or enrolled full time in an accredited secondary school in a program leading toward a high school diploma for not more than 180 days, rather than for 90 days, if the defendant meets certain conditions. Requires a defendant for whom proceedings are deferred under Subsection (a) to complete the teen court program not later than the 90th day after the date the teen court hearing to determine punishment is held.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 54.032(a) and (c), Family Code, to make conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 1. Differs from the original by amending provisions relating to the time period for participation by a defendant in the teen court program.

SECTION 2. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. No change.