

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1632
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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

As proposed, S.B. 1632 requires that a juvenile court specify in its order committing a youth to the Texas Youth Commission the date no later than which the youth must be discharged by the commission. S.B. 1632 requires that date to be before the child's 21st birthday. The bill also requires the commission to incorporate a component of cultural and linguistic competence into all staff training, policies, and program development.

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 54.04(d), Family Code, to require the Texas Youth Commission (commission) to specify in a child's commitment to the commission a date before the child's 21st birthday that the commission will discharge the child from its custody.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 61.055, as follows:

61.055. CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE. Requires the commission to incorporate a component of cultural and linguistic competence into all commission staff training, policies, and program development.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 61.084(e), Human Resources Code, to make conforming changes regarding the discharge of a person in custody of the commission.

SECTION 4. Makes application of Section 54.04, as amended by this Act, prospective.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2005.