

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 932
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties contend that the conditions that force a child into foster care can also lead to the child's involvement with the juvenile justice system, but express concern about insufficient sharing of information between the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) and the child welfare system. H.B. 932 seeks to provide for the collection of information concerning the number of juvenile offenders committed to TJJD who have been in foster care.

H.B. 932 amends current law relating to the collection of information concerning the number of juvenile offenders committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department who have been in foster care.

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 Subchapter A, Chapter 243, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 243.008, as follows:

Sec. 243.008. INFORMATION CONCERNING FOSTER CARE HISTORY. (a) Defines "foster care."

(b) Requires the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), during the admission process, to determine whether a child committed to TJJD has at any time been in foster care. Requires TJJD to record the following on the child's intake form:

(1) whether the child is currently in foster care; and

(2) if applicable, the number of times the child has previously been placed in foster care.

(c) Requires TJJD, not later than January 31 of each even-numbered year, to submit a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing committee having primary jurisdiction over TJJD. Requires that the report summarize statistical information concerning the total number and percentage of children in the custody of TJJD during the preceding two years who have at any time been in foster care.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.