

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a juvenile in detention must be granted a detention hearing every 10 days. However, problems have arisen when counties provide transportation from the detention facility to the hearing site only to have the juvenile waive the hearing the next morning. This legislation increases the time period between juvenile detention hearings from every 10 days to every 20 days in order to halve the costs associated with these hearings.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 298 establishes the length of subsequent juvenile court detention orders.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.01(h), Family Code, to require each subsequent detention order to extend for no more than 20, rather than 10 working days. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.