

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1521
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that it would be beneficial if the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department coordinated their efforts where the services they provide to multi-system youths are similar or overlap. H.B. 1521 seeks to promote communication between these agencies by requiring each on request to share with the other certain information relating to a multi-system youth.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1521 amends the Family Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department to share with each other, on request, any information relating to a multi-system youth necessary to identify and coordinate the provision of services to the youth, enhance rehabilitation of the youth, and improve and maintain community safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.