

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4220
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the Guadalupe County judge is authorized to add the judge of the county court at law to the county's juvenile board. However, Guadalupe County recently added an additional county court at law with juvenile jurisdiction, leaving the state law outdated and ambiguous as to which judge may be appointed to the board. H.B. 4220 seeks to provide clarity to this issue and ensure that the juvenile board is well equipped to handle its duties by expanding the composition of the board.

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. 4220 amends the Human Resources Code to expand the composition of the Guadalupe County Juvenile Board to include the judges of each of the county's statutory county courts.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.