

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 511  
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Many rural counties do not have the necessary financial resources to operate a juvenile board on their own. However, if rural counties are able to partner with a neighboring county that has additional resources, the counties may be able to share financial resources and human capital in pursuit of a common goal. Allowing counties to operate a joint juvenile board will allow local governments to more efficiently serve their communities while reducing unnecessary expenditures associated with running two separate juvenile boards. S.B. 511 seeks to address this issue by providing for the operation of joint juvenile boards in Crosby and Lubbock Counties.

### **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**

S.B. 511 amends the Human Resources Code to authorize the juvenile boards of Crosby County and Lubbock County and the juvenile boards of one or more counties that are adjacent to or in close proximity to either county to agree to operate together with respect to all matters, or with respect to certain matters specified by the juvenile boards. The bill authorizes juvenile boards operating together to appoint one fiscal officer to receive and disburse funds for the boards.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.