

- SUBJECT:** Justice courts as venue for some complaints against parents
- COMMITTEE:** Criminal Procedure Reform, Select — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 3 ayes — Riddle, Carter, Moody
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2 absent — Herrero, Parker
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Ballard C. Shapleigh, 34th District Attorney Jaime Esparza; Steven Tays, Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office)
Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Education Code, sec. 25.093, establishes as an offense a parent's criminally negligent failure to require a child to attend school as required by law and provides adjudication procedures. It allows a complaint to be filed in a constitutional county court, a justice court, or a municipal court in the county where the parent resides or the school is located.
- DIGEST:** HB 1022 would allow a complaint against a parent for the failure to require a child to attend school to be filed in a designated justice court. If there were no designated justice court, the case could be prosecuted in any justice court in the county where the parent resided county or the school was located. The bill would apply to offenses committed on or after September 1, 2013.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.