

- SUBJECT:** Collecting information concerning inmates who have been in foster care
- COMMITTEE:** Corrections — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 6 ayes — Parker, White, Allen, Rose, J.D. Sheffield, Toth
0 nays
1 absent — Riddle
- WITNESSES:** For — Vivian Dorsett, Foster Care Alumni of America-Texas Chapter; Donald Lee, Texas Conference of Urban Counties; Benet Magnuson, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Yannis Banks, Texas NAACP; Terri Burke, ACLU of Texas; Cindy Eigler, Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy; Susan Milam, National Association of Social Workers/Texas Chapter; Lauren Rose, Texans Care For Children; Gyl Switzer, Mental Health America of Texas)

Against — None

On — Brandon Wood, Texas Commission on Jail Standards; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Bryan Collier, Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Kathryn Sibley, Department of Family and Protective Services)
- BACKGROUND:** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice does not currently inquire about past foster care system involvement during its inmate intake process.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2719 would require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to inquire into past foster care system involvement during inmate intake and report the total number of inmates who had at any time been in foster care.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.