

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 743
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, Hidalgo County has seven district courts presiding over the hearing and disposition of juvenile and family law cases and Cameron County has five.. There has been a 12.7 percent increase in juvenile referrals over the previous year. This bill requires the 197th and 206th judicial district to give preference to juvenile and family law cases.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 743 requires the 206th and 197th judicial districts to give preference to juvenile and family law cases.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 24.376(b), Government Code, to require the 197th Judicial District to give preference to juvenile and family law matters, rather than criminal cases.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 24.385, Government Code, by adding Subsection (a), to require the 206th Judicial District to give preference to juvenile and family law matters.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 24.376(b), Government Code, to require the 197th Judicial District to give preference to juvenile and family law matters, rather than criminal cases. Redesignates proposed SECTIONS 1 and 2 as SECTIONS 2 and 3.