BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, no provision in state law authorizes the release of information regarding a juvenile offender who commits certain offenses under the Penal Code or flees arrest of those acts. Alerting the public in the case of a juvenile suspect would greatly enhance the ability of law enforcement agencies to apprehend the juvenile offender. This bill would authorize the Department of Public Safety to disseminate information on a juvenile offender who commits certain violent acts.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 187 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to disseminate information on a juvenile offender who commits certain violent acts.

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 58.106, Family Code, to authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to disseminate to the public the information listed in Subsection (c) when a juvenile commits certain offenses or flees from arrest for committing the offense.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.