

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Local juvenile boards are created by statute in the Human Resources Code to establish juvenile probation departments and to provide local juvenile probation services. Most counties, including Bexar County, have a separate statute in Chapter 152 (Juvenile Boards), Human Resources Code, that sets out the statutory framework for that particular county's juvenile board. Since agencies can only accept donations if expressly permitted by statute, many counties have included such an express provision in their juvenile board statutes.

This bill would add such a provision for the Bexar County Juvenile Board (board), authorizing the board to accept donations to be used for juvenile justice purposes. This will permit private donations to enhance government resources in order to fulfill the board's mission of redirecting and rehabilitating youth and protecting public safety.

H.B. 4700 amends current law relating to the operation of Bexar County Juvenile Board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.0211, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (i), to authorize the Juvenile Board of Bexar County to apply for, accept, hold in trust, spend, and otherwise use a gift, grant, or donation of land or money or other personal property from a governmental entity, corporation, individual, or other source for the benefit of the juvenile justice system.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.