

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 592
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

A county juvenile board in Texas operates a juvenile justice alternative education program (JJAEP) to offer an alternative form of discipline and education for a juvenile expelled from a public school district. Current law requires a county with a population greater than 125,000 to establish JJAEP for that purpose. This mandate to establish and fund the program can be harmful to a county facing budget limitations.

H.B. 592 sets out circumstances under which a county with a population greater than 125,000 is not required to establish a JJAEP.

H.B. 592 amends current law relating to certain counties that are not required to operate a juvenile justice alternative education program.

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 37.011, Education Code, by adding Subsection (a-2), as follows:

(a-2) Provides that for purposes of this section and Section 37.010(a) (relating to requiring the board of trustees of a school district to deliver a copy of the order placing a student in a disciplinary alternative education program or expelling a student and any information required, to the authorized officer of the juvenile court in the county in which the student resides), a county with a population greater than 125,000 is considered to be a county with a population of 125,000 or less if the county:

- (1) has a population of 180,000 or less;
- (2) is adjacent to two counties, each of which has a population of more than 1.7 million; and
- (3) has seven or more school districts located wholly within the county's boundaries.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.