

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Rural counties often times do not have the necessary financial resources to operate a juvenile board on their own. However, if rural counties are able to partner with a neighboring county that has additional resources, the counties can share financial resources and human capital in pursuit of a common goal. Allowing counties to operate a joint juvenile board will allow local governments to more efficiently serve these communities while reducing unnecessary expenditures associated with running two separate boards.

This is a wholly local bill that will allow the juvenile boards of Crosby and Lubbock Counties to operate together. Specifically, the juvenile boards can appoint one fiscal officer to receive and disburse funds for the boards.

S.B. 511 amends current law relating to the operation of the juvenile boards of Crosby and Lubbock Counties.

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 152.0601, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (g), as follows:

(g) Authorizes the juvenile board of Crosby County and the juvenile boards of one or more counties that are adjacent to or in close proximity to Crosby County to agree to operate together with respect to all matters, or with respect to certain matters specified by the juvenile boards. Authorizes juvenile boards operating together to appoint one fiscal officer to receive and disburse funds for the boards.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 152.1581, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (i), as follows:

(i) Authorizes the juvenile board of Lubbock County and the juvenile boards of one or more counties that are adjacent to or in close proximity to Lubbock County to agree to operate together with respect to all matters, or with respect to certain matters specified by the juvenile boards. Authorizes juvenile boards operating together to appoint one fiscal officer to receive and disburse funds for the boards.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.