

The House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

84th Legislature

September 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Dallas, Texas (see below)

Pursuant to a notice posted on August 29, 2016, revised on August 30, 2016 and September 6, 2016, the House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Dutton, at 10:07 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Dutton; Peña; Rose; and White, James.

A quorum was present.

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(Representative Hughes now present.)

The House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues met to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Interim Charge 6:

Examine the Texas Family Code's treatment of grandparents in the parent-child relationship, including Chapters 32, 34, 153, 161, 162 and suggest any changes that may be useful to address the growing population of grandparents and the best interests of Texas children and families.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Interim Charge 1:

Study and evaluate the practice of youth being recruited into human trafficking.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Interim Charge 2:

Examine data collection and sharing practices between Department of Family and Protective Services, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and local juvenile probation departments regarding youth involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Interim Charge 3:

Examine evidence-based practices around early education and parenting support and education programs. Monitor the implementation of HB 2630 (84R)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Interim Charge 4:

Monitor juvenile justice regionalization plan and implementation of SB 1630 (84R). Identify appropriate outcome measures to evaluate success of keeping youth closer to home.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Interim Charge 5:

Review juvenile justice penalties and sanctions determined by or disallowed by age of the juvenile. Identify best practices in other states relating to juvenile age.

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Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Interim Charge 7:

Conduct legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by 84th Legislature.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

At 2:15 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Dutton, Chair

Nicole R. Bates, Clerk