

1-1 By: Burton S.B. No. 1836  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 23, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
 1-4 April 26, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
 1-5 Nays 1; April 26, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman		X		
1-9 Birdwell	X			
1-10 Burton	X			
1-11 Creighton			X	
1-12 Garcia	X			
1-13 Hughes			X	
1-14 Menéndez	X			
1-15 Perry	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study on the adjudication of juveniles charged with  
 1-20 misdemeanors punishable by fine only and the use of certain terms  
 1-21 signifying age in the criminal justice and juvenile justice  
 1-22 statutes of this state.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. (a) The Office of Court Administration of the  
 1-25 Texas Judicial System shall conduct a study to examine the use of  
 1-26 the terms "juvenile," "child," and "minor" throughout the criminal  
 1-27 justice and juvenile justice statutes of this state and the varying  
 1-28 definitions assigned those terms. The study shall also determine  
 1-29 whether:

1-30 (1) adjudication under the adult criminal justice  
 1-31 system of juveniles charged with misdemeanors punishable by fine  
 1-32 only is just and efficient; and

1-33 (2) certain procedures under the juvenile justice  
 1-34 system if used in the adjudication of juveniles charged with  
 1-35 misdemeanors punishable by fine only would provide a more just and  
 1-36 efficient process for responding to violations of the law by  
 1-37 juvenile offenders.

1-38 (b) In conducting the study under Subsection (a) of this  
 1-39 section, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial  
 1-40 System shall consult with the chair of the senate criminal justice  
 1-41 committee, the chair of the juvenile justice and family issues  
 1-42 committee of the house of representatives, and the chair of the  
 1-43 corrections committee of the house of representatives.

1-44 (c) Not later than December 1, 2018, the Office of Court  
 1-45 Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall submit a report  
 1-46 containing the results of the study conducted under Subsection (a)  
 1-47 of this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the  
 1-48 speaker of the house of representatives, and the appropriate  
 1-49 standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act expires December 1, 2019.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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