

Amend CSSB 103 by striking SECTION 9 and substituting the following:

SECTION 9. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 325.0121 to read as follows:

Sec. 325.0121. STUDY ON TRANSITION TOWARD REGIONALIZED JUVENILE CORRECTIONS. (a) As part of its review of juvenile corrections for the 81st Legislature, the commission shall study the merits of moving the Texas Youth Commission toward a regionalized structure of smaller facilities and more diversified treatment and placement options, taking into consideration the likely effects of this regionalized structure on:

(1) recidivism;

(2) juvenile and family access to services; and

(3) costs to this state and the counties of this state.

(b) In conducting the study, the commission shall determine whether the existing Texas Youth Commission facilities meet their intended purposes.

(c) The commission shall take into consideration the findings and conclusions of the study in its report to the 81st Legislature and shall include any recommendations it considers appropriate resulting from its consideration of the study.

(d) The commission, in conducting the study, may seek the assistance of nationally recognized experts in the field of juvenile justice.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2009.