

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 187
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Committee Report (Amended)

DIGEST

Currently, no provision in state law authorizes the release of information regarding a juvenile offender who commits certain offenses under the Penal Code or flees arrest of those acts. Alerting the public in the case of a juvenile suspect would greatly enhance the ability of law enforcement agencies to apprehend the juvenile offender. This bill would authorize under certain circumstances the Department of Public Safety to disseminate information on a juvenile offender who is suspected of committing certain violent acts.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 187 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to disseminate information on a juvenile offender who is suspected of committing certain violent acts.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 58.106, Family Code, to authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS), when notified by a law enforcement agency that the agency has been issued a directive to apprehend, an arrest warrant for the offender, or the agency is otherwise authorized to arrest the offender, to disseminate certain information to the public relating to a juvenile offender, if the juvenile is suspected of committing certain felony offenses or flees arrest for committing the felonies.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

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