

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 829
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

During the 77th Texas Legislature, changes were made with regard to jurisdiction of truancy cases. The intent of the 77th Legislature was to give the juvenile courts in counties with populations of less than 100,000 the necessary jurisdiction and sentencing authority for truancy cases in all applicable statutes. H.B. 829 clarifies current statutes by delineating sentencing authority in truancy cases.

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 Article 45.054, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by Chapter 1514, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (a-1), as follows:

(a-1) Provides that on a finding by a juvenile court in a county with a population of less than 100,000 that the individual has engaged in conduct that violates Section 25.094, Education Code, the court has jurisdiction to enter an order that includes one or more of the provisions listed under Subsection (a).

(b) Adds juvenile court to the list of courts authorized to enforce the parent of an individual to attend a class for students at risk of dropping out of school.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.