



Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

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The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition is an Austin-based non-profit organization that works with peers, policy-makers, practitioners, and community members to identify and promote smart justice policies that safely reduce Texas' costly over-reliance on incarceration – creating stronger families, less taxpayer waste, and safer communities.

Implementation Guides For Juvenile Justice Bills and Budget Riders

The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition is committed to working with practitioners to ensure they understand and fully implement positive new reforms. As such, we have created short “how to” guides about important bills and budget riders passed during the 2013 Texas Legislative Session.

We hope these guides will be helpful for practitioners, as well as system-involved individuals and family members, and others interested in juvenile and criminal justice. Please click on the links below to access each guide.

If you are unable to access a computer and would like a hard copy of a guide, please contact Jennifer Carreon at the phone number above.

- **HB 144:** This bill intends to better address chemical dependency among Texas youth through wider use of examinations, evaluations, and service referrals. This guide is especially useful for parents and families, probation departments, and juvenile courtroom workgroups. Click here for the guide: <http://tinyurl.com/ngr5w6b>
- **HB 1318:** This bill clarifies that counsel must be appointed to youth within a *reasonable* time *before* the first detention hearing, which may reduce the number of days that youth unnecessarily spend in confinement. This guide is especially useful for parents, families, defense attorneys, and the juvenile courtroom workgroup. Click here for the guide: <http://tinyurl.com/mmwyw65>

Note: HB 1318 also contains changes to public defender caseloads and information collected on indigent defense cases for adult criminal cases.

- **HB 1952:** This bill intends to address disproportionate school discipline rates by ensuring school principals and administrators receive professional training in discretionary discipline practices. This guide is especially useful for parents and families, superintendents and school board administrators, and principals and other in-school administrators. Click here for the guide: <http://tinyurl.com/of4zvsx>
- **SB 92:** This bill increases efforts to identify youth who are engaging in prostitution, and it prioritizes the use of appropriate treatment over punitive system involvement. SB 92 also aims to safeguard a victim's future by allowing the court to seal his or her record upon completion of a trafficked person's program. This guide is especially useful for law enforcement agencies, county juvenile justice boards, courts, prosecutors, defense attorneys, juvenile probation departments, and youth and families. Click here for the guide: <http://tinyurl.com/ne76d4l>

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- **SB 914:** This bill intends to ensure that students with disabilities are afforded the rights and protections granted to them under federal law by clarifying the need to incorporate a behavioral intervention plan into a student's Individual Education Program. This guide is especially useful for parents and families; admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committees; public school principals, teachers, and administrators; and school district administrators. Click here for the guide: <http://tinyurl.com/o8p4zfq>
- **SB 393 & SB 1114 (School Ticketing):** Together, these bills intend to minimize the school-to-prison pipeline by changing the way that schools and law enforcement handle student misbehavior that could also be considered a low-level misdemeanor. This guide is especially useful for school law enforcement and courts; school practitioners, including school district administrators, principals, vice principals, other school administrators, and teachers; and youth and families. Click here for the guide: <http://tinyurl.com/jvvqg2r>