

AN ACT

relating to juvenile case managers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Article 45.056, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows: Art. 45.056. [~~AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY~~] JUVENILE CASE MANAGERS[~~; REIMBURSEMENT~~].

SECTION 2. Article 45.056, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(d) Pursuant to Article 102.0174, the court or governing body may pay the salary and benefits of a juvenile case manager and the costs of training, travel, office supplies, and other necessary expenses relating to the position of the juvenile case manager from the juvenile case manager fund.

(f) The governing body of the employing governmental entity under Subsection (a) shall adopt reasonable rules for juvenile case managers that provide:

(1) a code of ethics, and for the enforcement of the code of ethics;

(2) appropriate educational preservice and in-service training standards for juvenile case managers; and

(3) training in:

(A) the role of the juvenile case manager;

(B) case planning and management;

(C) applicable procedural and substantive law;

(D) courtroom proceedings and presentation;

(E) services to at-risk youth under Subchapter D, Chapter 264, Family Code;

(F) local programs and services for juveniles and methods by which juveniles may access those programs and services; and

(G) detecting and preventing abuse, exploitation, and neglect of juveniles.

(g) The employing court or governmental entity under this article shall implement the rules adopted under Subsection (f).

(h) The commissioners court or governing body of the municipality that administers a juvenile case manager fund under Article 102.0174 shall require periodic review of juvenile case managers to ensure the implementation of the rules adopted under Subsection (f).

SECTION 3. Subsection (g), Article 102.0174, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(g) A fund created under this section may be used only to finance the salary, ~~and~~ benefits, training, travel expenses, office supplies, and other necessary expenses relating to the position of a juvenile case manager employed under Article 45.056. The fund may not be used to supplement the income of an employee whose primary role is not that of a juvenile case manager.

SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2011, the governing body of a governmental entity that employs a juvenile case manager under Article 45.056, Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by this Act, shall adopt the rules required by that article.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.