

CHAPTER 252

H.B. No. 247

AN ACT

relating to the notification of certain statewide and national criminal information systems when a warrant is issued for a juvenile.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 51.14(c), Family Code, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 385, Section 3 of Chapter 515, and Section 1 of Chapter 576, Acts of the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by this subsection, law-enforcement files and records concerning a child shall be kept separate from files and records of arrests of adults and shall be maintained on a local basis only and not sent to a central state or federal depository. *The* ~~[However, the]~~ law-enforcement files and records of a person who is transferred from the Texas Youth Commission to the Texas Department of Corrections under a determinate sentence may be transferred to a central state or federal depository for adult records on or after the date of transfer. If a child has been reported as missing by a parent, guardian, or conservator of that child, ~~[or a child]~~ has escaped from the custody of a juvenile detention facility, the Texas Youth Commission, or any other agency to which the child has been committed, *or is the subject of a bench warrant or felony arrest warrant issued by a court after the child has fled the jurisdiction of the court*, any information or records concerning that child may be transferred to and disseminated by the Texas Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 30, 1993: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present not voting;
passed by the Senate on May 12, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 23, 1993.

Effective May 23, 1993.