

Sunset Advisory Commission Invites Public Input on the Texas Juvenile Justice Department

The Sunset Advisory Commission is conducting a limited purpose review of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) and welcomes comments from the public concerning TJJD's administration of its regionalization duties aimed at prioritizing the use of local levels of the juvenile justice system over placement or commitment to secure facilities operated by TJJD.

The Texas Sunset Act requires the Sunset Commission to periodically review TJJD and recommend whether to implement Sunset staff's recommendations to improve agency efficiency and effectiveness (Sunset management directives) or change state law to improve the agency's efficiency and effectiveness. Due to the limited nature of this review, Sunset staff recommendations will be limited to TJJD's regionalization duties. The Legislature ultimately will decide whether to adopt the Sunset Commission's statutory recommendations.

The Sunset process has three stages. First, Sunset staff will evaluate TJJD, seek public input, and issue a report recommending solutions to problems found. Second, the Sunset Commission will hold two public meetings: a hearing on the staff report and the agency, and a decision meeting to adopt recommendations based on the report and public comments. Third, the Legislature will convene in January 2027 and will consider the Sunset Commission's adopted statutory recommendations in a Sunset bill for TJJD.

Submit Your Input

Here are several ways to provide comments and suggestions to Sunset staff on TJJD's mission, operations, and services:

- Send an email to sunset@sunset.texas.gov, with TJJD Review in the subject line,
- Submit comments online at www.sunset.texas.gov/input-form,
- Send a letter to Sunset Advisory Commission, Attn: TJJD, P.O. Box 13066, Austin, Texas 78711, or
- Call (512) 463-1300 to speak to Will Bucknall, project manager of the TJJD review.

Please provide your comments by October 2, 2026 to ensure Sunset staff can fully consider your input while conducting their review. Comments submitted before the staff report is published in November 2026 will remain confidential.

Stay informed! Members of the public may also visit www.sunset.texas.gov/join-mailing-list to sign up for email alerts on the Sunset staff report and the Sunset Commission's public meetings on TJJD.