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HB 517 Original

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**Abstract:** Provides for the right to a jury trial for certain juvenile offenders.

Present law provides that all constitutional rights guaranteed to criminal defendants, except the right to a jury trial, apply in juvenile court proceedings.

Proposed law generally retains present law relative to the inapplicability of jury trials in juvenile proceedings, but also provides that a juvenile has a right to a jury trial if he is charged with a felony-grade delinquent act that constitutes either a crime of violence or a sex offense.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 808)