

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1227
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Public Education
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

A confidential fitness assessment for certain primary and secondary school students was recently established to gauge fitness levels. Interested parties contend that while physical fitness is important to ensure the health of public school students, the fitness assessment has not been an effective tool. C.S.H.B. 1227 seeks to eliminate it.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1227 repeals Subchapter C, Chapter 38, Education Code, relating to the requirement that a school district annually assess the physical fitness of students enrolled in grade three or higher in a course that satisfies the curriculum requirements for physical education, and amends the Education Code to make a conforming change. The bill applies beginning with the 2015–2016 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 1227 differs from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways by conforming to certain bill drafting conventions.