

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 114
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, health and human services agencies are required to maintain a record of certain types of licensed health and human services providers, including youth camps, hospitals, child-care facilities, assisted living facilities, and mental health facilities, that have been subjected to adverse licensing decisions, such as the suspension or revocation of a license. This allows the licensing agencies to share information regarding adverse licensing decisions and helps the agencies prevent an applicant whose license was revoked because persons under the applicant's care were harmed from obtaining another license. Interested parties contend that the law governing these adverse licensing decisions does not currently apply to certain types of treatment facilities and programs. S.B. 114 seeks to address this issue.

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

S.B. 114 amends the Government Code to include a licensed ambulatory surgical center, licensed birthing center, licensed abortion facility, licensed end stage renal disease facility, licensed freestanding emergency medical care facility, and authorized narcotic drug treatment program among the entities to which statutory provisions regarding an adverse licensing, listing, or registration decision by an applicable health and human services agency apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.