

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3876

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been reported that children who receive high-quality child care and early education services before they start kindergarten are better prepared for school and are more likely to excel in pre-reading, reading, and math. It has been further reported that these children are also more likely to demonstrate the social and emotional skills needed to succeed in school, are less frequently assigned to special education classes, and are less likely to be forced to repeat a grade. C.S.H.B. 3876 seeks to ensure more Texas children receive high-quality child care that will start them on the right path to educational success by creating a work group to allow for the review and improvement of the Texas Rising Star program.

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 rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Workforce Commission in SECTION 1 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3876 amends the Government Code to establish the Texas Rising Star program review work group to propose revisions to the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) rules on the program. The bill sets out provisions relating to the composition of the work group, requires the TWC executive director to make appointments to the work group on September 1, 2019, and provides for the work group's administration and operation. The bill requires the work group, not later than May 1, 2020, to submit to the TWC executive director recommendations of proposed revisions and sets out certain required considerations in making the recommendations. The bill requires the TWC, not later than September 1, 2020, to propose rules that incorporate the proposed revisions submitted by the work group. The bill's provisions expire December 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3876 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute replaces the requirement for the work group to contain at least one member from the Department of Family and Protective Services with a requirement for the work group to contain at least one member from the Health and Human Services Commission.

The substitute changes from September 1, 2019, to September 1, 2020, the deadline by which the TWC must propose rules that incorporate the proposed revisions submitted by the work group.