

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the law is unclear as to who is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day functions of the the Interstate Compact for Probationer and Parolee Supervision (compact). This has led to disruption when a new compact administrator is appointed. This bill will clarify who is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day responsibilities of the compact and specify the number and responsibilities of the deputies to the administrator of the compact.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1609 clarifies who is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day responsibilities of the Interstate Compact for Probationer and Parolee Supervision and specifies the number and responsibilities of the deputies to the administrator of the compact.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 42.11(3), Code of Criminal Procedure, to provide that the title of the officer designated by the governor under Subdivision (5) of the Interstate Compact for Probationer and Parolee Supervision is the Interstate Compact Administrator for Probation and Parole (administrator), rather than Interstate Parole Compact Administrator. Provides that the administrator is authorized to appoint two Deputy Interstate Compact Administrators, with one primarily responsible for issues dealing with probationers and the other primarily responsible for issues dealing with parolees. Provides that the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the executive director's designee is authorized and directed to do all things necessary or incidental to the carrying out of the compact in every particular. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.