

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

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Committee Report (Unamended)

DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires the minimum daily classroom course segments for any real estate continuing education program to be three hours in length. Other professions have much less or no minimum daily classroom course segments. The effect of the current statute is that a real estate broker or salesman cannot attend a one- or two-hour education program and receive credit for continuing education. The real estate industry reported that there are a number of programs less than three hours in length that are educational and pertinent to the practice of real estate. This bill changes the minimum daily classroom course segments for continuing education requirements from three hours to one hour without changing the total hours required for renewal.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 223 reduces minimum daily classroom course segments for continuing education requirements for real estate brokers and salesmen from three hours to one hour.

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 Section 7A(a), Article 6573a, V.T.C.S., to require daily classroom course segments taken to meet continuing education requirements for real estate brokers and salesmen to be at least one hour, rather than three hours, long but not more than 10 hours long.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

There were no committee changes.