

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the federal government and several states have reduced the management staffing levels in their various agencies. This has resulted in increased budgetary savings while increasing government productivity. In the Texas Performance Review, it is estimated that similar measures might save as much as \$20 million per year in the Department of Human Services alone. S.B. 986 would require state agencies to develop procedures for achieving a management-to-staff ratio of one manager for each 11 staff members. Agencies would then report their procedures to the state auditor.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 986 outlines provisions regarding the streamlining of the organizational structures of state agencies.

### **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 Chapter 651, Government Code, by adding Section 651.004, as follows:

Sec. 651.004. MANAGEMENT-TO-STAFF RATIOS. Requires a state agency to develop procedures for use in achieving a management-to-staff ratio of one manager for each 11 staff members. Defines "state agency."

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 2052.103(a) and (b), Government Code, to require a state agency to file with the state auditor a written report that provides the number of managers, supervisors, and staff for that fiscal quarter. Sets forth information to be included in the report.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.