

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law does not require certain offenses to be reported to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) if the offense was committed on a military base, military installation, or national seashore. This inability to collect information does not allow the DPS to track driving while intoxicated (DWI) convictions on military bases or federal lands. Although state law does authorize the DPS to receive some information when the DPS is the home state of the offender, DPS does not have the authority to record those convictions on a person's driving record. DPS requests a mechanism for reporting convictions on federal land or military bases, in order to track DWI convictions. S.B. 1157 authorizes certain federal and military convictions or actions to be reported to the state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1157 authorizes certain federal and military convictions or actions to be reported to this state.

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 523.004, Transportation Code, to authorize the reporting of a conviction or judicial or administrative action of a federal or military court or tribunal.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.