BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, allocation formulas for the disbursement of federal child care funds to Local Workforce Development Areas do not require the inclusion of poverty statistics. Because federal child care money is targeted to help Texas' neediest children, poverty rates should be included with population statistics in child care allocation formulas. S.B. 1391 sets forth provisions for the allocation by the Texas Workforce Commission of funds for child care services

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1391 sets forth provisions for the allocation by the Texas Workforce Commission of funds for child care services.

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 302D, Labor Code, by adding Section 302.064, as follows:

Sec. 302.064. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES. Requires funds available to the Texas Workforce Commission for child care services to be allocated to local workforce development areas using need-based formulas. Sets forth allocation funds, including federal child care and development fund discretionary funds, and federal food stamp employment and training child care funds according to certain statewide proportions of children of specific ages living at specific percentages of the poverty level. Sets forth fund allocation requirements for Subsections (b)-(d).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.