

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, prison gang membership is increasing, and the number of inmates on parole or mandatory supervision who are members of prison gangs will continue to increase. Consequently, the Parole Division should closely monitor parolees who are known members of prison gangs, criminal street gangs, or security threat groups, in order to better evaluate indicators of potential criminal activity. S. B. 1577 would establish specialized gang awareness training for parole officers who supervise gang members released from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on parole or mandatory supervision.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1577 establishes training for parole officers who supervise gang members released from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on parole or mandatory supervision.

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 508D, Government Code, by adding Section 508.1141, as follows:

Sec. 508.1141. SPECIALIZED TRAINING: GANG MEMBERS. Requires Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDJC) to develop and provide specialized training for parole officers supervising releasees previously identified by TDJC as being members of prison gangs, criminal street gangs, or security threat groups.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.