

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

With continuing evidence that quality child care programs lead to academic success, reduced delinquency and crime, better job opportunities, and increased productivity, the importance of providing these services increases. Under current law, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is responsible for allocating funds for child-care subsidies. According to federal law, at least four percent of the funds that the state receives through the child care and development block grant must be used to enhance child-care quality. H.B. 3578 requires TWC to ensure that, to the extent federal child care development funds dedicated to quality improvement activities are used to improve quality and availability of child care, those funds are used only for quality child care programs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends the Government Code to require the Texas Workforce Commission to ensure that, to the extent federal child care development funds dedicated to quality improvement activities are used to improve quality and availability of child care, those funds are used only for quality child care programs. The bill sets forth provisions relating to the components of a quality child care program.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.