BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3114 By: Dunnam (Hinojosa) Jurisprudence 5/22/2003 Engrossed

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, there is no clear definition of gross income in the Texas Family Code for purposes of determining payment of spousal maintenance. H.B. 3114 defines gross income and applies it in making spousal maintenance determinations

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 8.055, Family Code, by adding Subsection (d) to provide that "gross income" means resources as defined in Sections 154.062 (b) and (c), Family Code, disregarding any deductions listed in Section 154.062 (d) and disregarding those benefits excluded under Subsection (c) of this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.