

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, an assault committed against an elderly or disabled individual is enhanced from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor under Section 22.01 (Assault), Penal Code. However, an assault committed against a child is regarded as Class C misdemeanor. As proposed S.B. 969 amends Section 22.01, Penal Code, to include “child” in the group of individuals against whom an assault constitutes a Class A misdemeanor.

**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 22.01(c), Penal Code, to provide that an offense under Subsection (a)(3) is Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed against a child, as defined by Section 22.04. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.

(b) Makes application of this Act prospective.