

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In order to promote public interest and awareness in the Texas state insect, the Monarch Butterfly, S.B. 909 designates the first week of October as Monarch Butterfly Week.

As proposed, S.B. 909 provides that the first seven days of October is Monarch Butterfly week. The bill authorizes Texas residents and visitors, through participation in the Texas Monarch Watch program sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, to help scientists answer research questions about monarch biology and migration.

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 Subchapter E, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.153, as follows:

Sec. 662.153. MONARCH BUTTERFLY WEEK. (a) Provides that the first seven days of October is Monarch Butterfly Week to encourage Texas residents and visitors to study, observe, and promote the life of the state insect, the monarch butterfly.

(b) Authorizes Texas residents and visitors, through participation in the Texas Monarch Watch program sponsored by the Parks and Wildlife Department, to help scientists answer research questions about monarch biology and migration.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.