

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Texas voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment in 2007 establishing the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). This authorized the state to issue \$3 billion in bonds to fund groundbreaking cancer research and prevention programs and services in Texas. This measure is set to expire on August 31, 2021, but it is estimated that there will be over \$70 million of unused bond authority by that date. S.B. 224 delays the sunset date by two years in order to maximize the use of the \$3 billion authority. Doing so is crucial to try and prevent the estimated \$156.8 billion cost of cancer to the Texas economy annually.

As proposed, S.B. 224 amends current law relating to the sunset review date for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and the time for awarding cancer research and prevention grants.

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 102.003, Health and Safety Code, to provide that the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), unless continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325 (Sunset Law), Government Code, is abolished and this chapter (Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas) expires September 1, 2023, rather than September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 102.254, Health and Safety Code, to prohibit the CPRIT Oversight Committee from awarding money under Subchapter E (Cancer Prevention and Research Fund) after August 31, 2022, rather than before January 1, 2008, or after August 31, 2020.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.