

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

According to the most recent data from the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, there were more than 18,000 sexual assaults reported in Texas in 2017. Interested parties have expressed a need for increased statewide efforts to promote awareness for sexual abuse prevention and spread hope for survivors of sexual abuse. To facilitate this goal, H.B. 2298 would establish January 28 as Sexual Assault Survivors Day in Texas to recognize the courage of survivors throughout the state.

H.B. 2298 amends current law relating to designating January 28 as Sexual Assault Survivors Day.

### **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 C, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.071, as follows:

Sec. 662.071. SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS DAY. (a) Provides that January 28 is Sexual Assault Survivors Day to bring awareness to the issue of sexual assault and to recognize the courage of survivors throughout this state.

(b) Authorizes Sexual Assault Survivors Day to be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.