

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1156  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In 2015, the legislature transferred administrative oversight of the Children's Advocacy Centers and Court Appointed Special Advocates from the Office of Attorney General to the Health and Human Services Commission. The goal was to realign these programs with the state's child welfare system. Since that session, several statutory changes have been made relating to agency contracting. S.B. 1156 is a clean-up bill that updates the Family Code so that these programs comply with current law.

S.B. 1156 amends current law relating to the contracting authority of the Health and Human Services Commission for the volunteer advocate for children program.

### **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 264.603(a), Family Code, to delete existing text requiring that the statewide organization with which the Health and Human Services Commission contracts for the volunteer for advocate for children program be designated as a supporting organization under Section 509(a)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.