

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Every two years, the Concacaf Gold Cup is held by the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football. The Gold Cup is the confederation's flagship soccer competition and features the best national teams from the region. It has been noted that a local entity has submitted a bid to host the 2021 Gold Cup and is believed to have a strong chance of winning the bid. S.B. 579 seeks to aid these efforts to bring economic benefits to Texas by making the Gold Cup eligible for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

S.B. 579 amends the Government Code to make the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) Gold Cup eligible for funding under the major events reimbursement program.

As proposed, S.B. 579 amends current law relating to the eligibility of the Concacaf Gold Cup for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement 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 Sections 478.0001(3) and (7), Government Code, as effective on April 1, 2021, as follows:

(3) Redefines "event" in Chapter 478 (Major Events Reimbursement Program) to include the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) Gold Cup and any activities related to or associated with the Concacaf Gold Cup. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(7) Redefines "site selection organization" in Chapter 478 to include the Concacaf. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 478.0053, Government Code, as effective April 1, 2021, to make conforming changes relating to exemptions from certain eligibility requirements for certain large venues.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2021.