

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, adult education programs are the responsibility of the Texas Education Agency (TEA). However, there is concern that some of the adult education programs may be transferred to the Texas Workforce Commission. This bill allows adult education programs to remain under the authority of TEA.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1640 allows adult education programs to remain under the authority of the Texas Education Agency, rather than transferring the programs to the Texas Workforce Commission.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 29.252, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 29.252. STATE ROLE IN ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION. Sets forth the requirements of the Texas Education Agency (TEA), to include developing and administering a standardized assessment mechanism for assessing all adult education program participants who need literacy instruction, adult basic education, or secondary education leading to an adult high school diploma or the equivalent. Requires the assessment mechanism prescribed under Subsection (a)(8) to include an initial basic skills screening instrument and to provide comprehensive information concerning baseline student skills before and student progress after participation in an adult education program.

SECTION 2. Sets forth completion dates regarding certain matters for the TEA.

SECTION 3. Requires TEA to develop a comprehensive management information system to measure the progress of and results achieved by adult education programs by September 1, 1998.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.