

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Rural Texas Youth Camps were inadvertently defined as Public Drinking Water Suppliers in the Safe Drinking Water Act and, thus, are under the rules and regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency and adopted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. These regulations, licenses, and fees are the same regulations that cities are required to comply with in regard to public drinking water. This bill would require the Texas Department of Health to regulate the water supply at a youth camp as provided by Section 144.009, Health and Safety Code, and by rules adopted by the Texas Board of Health under that section.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1757 requires the Texas Department of Health to regulate the water supply at a youth camp as provided by Section 144.009, Health and Safety Code, and by rules adopted by the Texas Board of Health under that section.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Board of Health in SECTION 1 (Section 341.051, Health and Safety Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 341C, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 341.051, as follows:

Sec. 341.051. WATER SUPPLIES AT YOUTH CAMPS. Provides that this subchapter does not apply to drinking water supplied by a youth camp to staff and campers at the camp and their visitors. Requires the Texas Department of Health (department) to regulate the water supply at a youth camp as provided by Section 141.009 and rules adopted by the Texas Board of Health under that section. Requires those rules to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. Section 300f et seq.). Requires youth camp drinking water to be classified as being furnished for private use, regardless of the number of persons for whom water is supplied. Provides that this section applies only to those youth camps currently licensed and approved by the department.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.