

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2551  
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Homeland Security & Public Safety  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

There have been calls to expand the group of individuals eligible to sign the driver's license application of a minor younger than 18 years of age in order to reduce barriers to obtaining a driver's license. H.B. 2551 provides for the inclusion of an agent under a power of attorney for the parent who has custody of the minor applicant among those eligible to sign the minor's application.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2551 amends the Transportation Code to authorize an agent under a power of attorney for a parent who has custody of a driver's license applicant under 18 years of age to cosign the application.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.