

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3213
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The major events reimbursement program provides for the use of local and state tax revenue to help pay for costs incurred from hosting certain events in Texas, such as the Super Bowl and political conventions. It has been noted that the International World Exhibition & Festival Organization, which provides world-renowned touring exhibitions and festivals, would like to bring an exhibition to Texas. H.B. 3213 seeks to make this and other exhibitions and festivals recognized by that organization eligible for program funding.

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. 3213 amends Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, to make a world-renowned exhibition or festival that is recognized by the International World Exhibition & Festival Organization eligible for funding through the major events reimbursement program. The bill designates the International World Exhibition & Festival Organization as a qualifying site selection organization for purposes of program funding.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.