

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 405  
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Public Health  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been noted that opioids have become one of the most commonly abused substances in Texas and that increased use of opioids among pregnant women has led to an increase in the incidence of neonatal abstinence syndrome. H.B. 405 seeks to increase awareness of the syndrome by designating June as Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Month.

### **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. 405 amends the Government Code to designate June as Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Month to increase awareness of neonatal abstinence syndrome and to encourage certain activity relating to such awareness.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.