

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 2182
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that there is interest in including the National Hot Rod Association Fall Nationals among those events eligible for funding through the major events reimbursement program. It has been further noted the Texas Motor Speedway, which is currently eligible for funding through the program, is undergoing renovations that will impact the number of seats at the speedway. Concerns have been raised that such renovations may make the speedway no longer eligible for funding through the program. C.S.S.B. 2182 seeks to address these concerns by setting out provisions relating to the eligibility of the applicable events for funding under the major events reimbursement program.

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

C.S.S.B. 2182 amends Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes to include as an event eligible to receive funding through the major events reimbursement program the AAA Texas National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Fall Nationals and to include the NHRA as a site selection organization. The bill specifies that, with respect to the eligible event that is the largest event held each year at a sports entertainment venue in Texas with a permanent seating capacity of not less than 125,000, such seating capacity is the capacity as of September 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF SENATE ENGROSSED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.S.B. 2182 may differ from the engrossed in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the engrossed and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute includes provisions that include as an event eligible to receive funding through the major events reimbursement program the AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals and that include the NHRA as a site selection organization.