

SUBJECT: Liquor sales training programs sponsored by higher education institutions

COMMITTEE: Licensing and Administrative Procedures — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Wilson, Kubiak, Brimer, Goolsby, D. Jones, Pickett, Torres, Yarbrough

0 nays

1 absent — Dear

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, February 1 — voice vote

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: Alcoholic Beverage Code sec. 106.14(a) states that the actions of an employee, such as the sale of alcohol to a minor, are not attributable to the employer if the employer requires its employees to attend a seller training program approved by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). Subsec. (b) authorizes the TABC to approve seller training programs sponsored privately or by public community colleges.

DIGEST: SB 258 would authorize TABC to approve seller training programs sponsored by public or private institutions of higher education that offer a four-year degree or certificate in hotel or motel, restaurant or travel or tourism management. The bill would take effect September 1, 1995.

SUPPORTERS SAY: Community colleges already offer the seller training programs, and four-year institutions of higher education have expressed an interest in doing the same for their students who are employees of businesses serving alcoholic beverages. The omission of four-year higher education institutions from this section was just an oversight that should be corrected.

OPPONENTS SAY: No apparent opposition