

**SUBJECT:** Authorizing a full-day child care center at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

**COMMITTEE:** Public Education — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 8 ayes — Sadler, Dutton, Culberson, Hernandez, Hochberg, Price, Rhodes, Uher

0 nays

1 absent — Williamson

**WITNESSES:** None

**BACKGROUND :** Under the Education Code, school districts are required to offer prekindergarten programs if the district identifies 15 or more children who are at least four years old and are unable to speak or understand English, educationally disadvantaged, or homeless. School districts have the option of providing prekindergarten programs for eligible three-year-olds. The district can contract with a private entity to provide these programs, provided the entity meets the applicable child-care licensing standards.

**DIGEST:** HB 3049 would authorize Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to operate a full-day prekindergarten program on behalf of the school district. Any child who met the age requirements of the program would be eligible.

HB 3049 would take immediate effect if finally approved by a two-thirds record vote of the membership in each house.