

- SUBJECT:** Child-care licensing exemptions for food distribution programs for youth
- COMMITTEE:** Public Health — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Delisi, Jackson, Cohen, Coleman, Gonzales, S. King, Olivo, Truitt
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Laubenberg
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Barbara Anderson, Texas Food Bank Network; Stephen Beasley, Capital Area Food Bank; David Weaver, Texas Food Bank Network)
- Against — None
- On — Sasha Rasco, Department of Family and Protective Services
- BACKGROUND:** Under Human Resources Code, sec. 42.041(b), a child-care facility or child-placing agency may not operate without a license issued by the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). This statute further stipulates types of facilities and entities to which the licensing requirement would not apply. Many of the exemptions are for charitable community programs, including youth after-school and summer programs.
- DIGEST:** HB 1786 would add an exemption to the child-care licensing requirements in Human Resources Code, sec. 42.041(b) for a food distribution program that served an evening meal to children two or more years old or that was operated by a non-profit food bank in a non-profit, religious, or educational facility for two hours or less per business day.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.