

SUBJECT: Conforming change for Major Events Trust Fund eligibility

COMMITTEE: Economic and Small Business Development — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — J. Davis, Vo, Bell, Isaac, Murphy, Perez, Workman
0 nays
2 absent — Y. Davis, E. Rodriguez

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jim Brothers, Experience Arlington; Ron Hinkle, Texas Travel Industry Association; TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Luis Saenz, City of Irving; Jon Weist, Arlington Chamber of Commerce; Monty Wynn, Texas Municipal League)
Against — None

BACKGROUND: Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes, Article 5190.14 establishes the state’s Major Events Trust Fund, which uses the local and state tax revenue increases directly attributable to major events to offset the costs cities and counties incur by hosting the events. Currently, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Bowl Championship Series qualifies as an event eligible to receive funding from the Major Events Trust Fund.

DIGEST: HB 1019 would add the successor to the NCAA Bowl Championship Series or a NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason playoff or championship game as an event eligible to receive funding from the Major Events Trust Fund.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2013.

SUPPORTERS SAY: HB 1019 would simply codify the NCAA Bowl Championship Series’ terminology change so that its successor could remain eligible for funding from the Major Events Trust Fund. The bill would not add a new event eligible to receive funding. Without HB 1019, Texas communities could lose a tool to attract future NCAA Division I football playoff or

championship games.

OPPONENTS
SAY:

No apparent opposition.

NOTES:

The identical companion, SB 398 by Hancock, was passed by the Senate with a vote of 31-0 on March 13 and reported favorably from the House Economic and Small Business Development Committee on April 3.