

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 135
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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law does not provide immunity from liability to juvenile boards and the boards' employees and volunteers. This bill will provide limited immunity from liability to juvenile boards, county and commissioners courts, and their employees and volunteers.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 135 provides immunity from liability for juvenile boards, county and commissioners courts, and their employees and volunteers in relation to certain responsibilities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 37.011, Education Code, by adding Subsection (j), to provide that in relation to the development and operation of a juvenile justice alternative education program, a juvenile board and a county and commissioners court are immune from liability to the same extent as a school district, and the juvenile board's or a county's professional employees and volunteers are immune from liability to the same extent as a school district's professional employees and volunteers.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends SECTION 1, Section 37.011, Education Code, to also provide limited immunity from liability to county and commissioners courts and their professional employees and volunteers.