

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the law provides for federal matching funds to pay many of the state's foster care program administrative costs. Many states, including Texas, are not always reimbursed for their administrative costs in cases in which the children do not ultimately enter foster care. In fiscal year 1995 Texas received more than \$50 million from the federal government in reimbursement funds. This bill directs the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to maximize federal reimbursement funds for certain foster care program costs and to maximize the amount of federal funds received under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 412 requires the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to maximize federal reimbursement funds for certain foster care program costs and to maximize the amount of federal funds received under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

### **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 Chapter 40C, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 40.0563, as follows:

Sec. 40.0563. FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOSTER CARE COSTS. Requires the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to work with the Health and Human Services Commission to develop methods to maximize the amount of federal reimbursement funds received under the Social Security Act for administering the foster care program and providing child care in for-profit facilities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.