

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Section 42 of the Human Resources Code regulates child-care facilities and child-placing agencies. This bill would require the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to conduct a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis and economic impact study for minimum standards revisions concerning non-residential childcare facilities that impact staff-child ratios, group sizes, or square footage. This bill would also require a child-placing agency to transfer its files and records to the Bureau of Vital Statistics when the agency terminates operations.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3741 sets forth regulations by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services of certain child-care facilities, family homes, and child-placing agencies.

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 42.042(m), Human Resources Code, to provide that, in determining the minimum standards relating to staff-to-child ratios, group sizes, or square footage requirements applicable to nonresidential child-care facilities, the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services shall conduct a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis and economic impact study.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 42.045(c), Human Resources Code, to require a child-placing agency that terminates operation to transfer its files and records concerning adopted children, their biological families, and their adoptive families to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, rather than the Department of Human Services. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 42.078(e), Human Resources Code, to make a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.