

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, it is illegal to use a “narcotic addict” as an informant in the course of investigating drug cases. Texas law makes it a crime to subject a “narcotic addict” to a situation, which may tend to injure the morals of a “narcotic addict.” S.B. 1116 would establish an exception to the offense of contributing to the delinquency of a narcotic addict.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1116 establishes an exception to the offense of contributing to the delinquency of a narcotic addict.

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 463B, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 463.013, as follows:

Sec. 463.013. EXCEPTION. Defines “informant.” Provides that it is an exception to the application of Section 463.011(b) that the person is a law enforcement official and the narcotic addict is an informant.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 1999.

(b) Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.