

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current federal law, a man between the ages of 18 and 26 must register with the United States Selective Service System (system). A man who is not registered with the system in accordance with federal law is ineligible to receive federal funds and state student loans and may not be hired as a state employee. C.S.H.B. 116 requires the Department of Public Safety to develop a selective service consent statement as part of an application for a driver's license.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.044(a), Transportation Code, to authorize information provided on a driver's license application that relates to the applicant's social security number to be used only by the Department of Public Safety (department) or disclosed only to the United State Selective Service System (system) as provided by Section 521.147.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 521G, Transportation Code, by adding Section 521.147, as follows:

Sec. 521.147. OPTIONAL REGISTRATION WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM. Requires the department to develop by rule a selective service consent statement as a part of the application for an original, renewal, or duplicate driver's license or personal identification certificate. Requires the consent statement to include a place to indicate consent or declination to register with the system and state the benefits and penalties associated with consent or declination to register. Requires the department to present the statement to each application who is subject to registration with the Selective Service System and record the applicant's response. Provides that a response is required to complete the application for a license or certificate for such an applicant. Requires the department to forward to the system, in an electronic format, only the information necessary for registration of an applicant consenting to registration. Authorizes the department, in addition to the statement required by this section, to conspicuously post at each location where applications for driver's licenses are accepted one or more signs, in English and Spanish, providing the information contained in the statement.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

Makes application of this Act prospective.