

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

One of the purposes of licensing health professionals is to document and consider consumer complaints ranging from a health professional's rude behavior to serious ethical violations. There are several different health professional licensing agencies in Texas, and each agency manages the complex complaint process in a different manner. H.B. 2408 requires the Health Professions Council to study the complaint procedures of specific state health care entities and to develop a report with recommendations for a standard procedure for the handling of such complaints.

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. (a) Requires the Health Professions Council (council) to study the complaint procedures for the entities described by Subsection (b) of this section, including certain processes.

(b) Sets forth the entities to which this Act applies.

(c) Requires the council to deliver to the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house a report on the study conducted under this Act not later than January 1, 2003. Sets forth certain requirements of the report.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.