

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Promotoras, or bilingual health liaisons, play a key role in minimizing many of the health and social service barriers encountered by individuals living in economically distressed areas of the state. Although the Texas Department of Health currently operates a promotora training and certification program, participation is on a voluntary basis. As proposed, S.B. 1051 requires promotoras who receive compensation for their services to undergo training and certification by the Texas Department of Health.

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 Chapter 46, Health and Safety Code, as added by Section 2.01, Chapter 857, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, as follows:

Renumbers Chapter 46 to Chapter 48.

Sec. 48.001. New heading: DEFINITIONS. Defines “compensation” and “promotora.”

Sec. 48.002. PROMOTORA TRAINING PROGRAM. Adds language to require the Texas Department of Health, in establishing the training program, to the extent possible, to consider the report and any findings of and adopt any applicable recommendations of the Promotora Program Development Committee. Adds language to provide that participation in a training and education program established under this section is voluntary for a promotora who provides services without receiving any compensation and mandatory for a promotora who provides services for compensation.

Sec. 48.003. CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR PROMOTORAS. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.