

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, employees of the Houston fire department who investigate arson are the only fire department employees not entitled to civil service status. As proposed, S.B. 1248 includes arson investigators in the definition of “fire fighter” to ensure that all fire-related employees are considered civil servants.

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 143.003(4), Local Government Code, to redefine “fire fighter” to include an employee who performs fire arson investigation.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.