

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, health and human services caseworkers at various agencies know little about the programs available for children at other agencies. As proposed, C.S.S.B. 36 establishes joint training for health and human services caseworkers to increase their awareness and knowledge of services available to children in their, and at other, agencies.

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 531B, Government Code, by adding Section 531.0244, as follows:

Sec. 531.0244. JOINT TRAINING FOR CERTAIN CASEWORKERS. Requires the commissioner of health and human services to provide for joint training for health and human services caseworkers whose clients are children, including caseworkers employed by certain departments. Requires training under this section to be designed to increase a caseworker's knowledge and awareness of the services available to children at each health and human services agency or local mental health or mental retardation authority, including long-term care programs and services available under a Section 1915(c) waiver program.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Differs from the original by including employees of local mental health or mental retardation authorities in the list of caseworkers who are to receive joint training to increase their knowledge and awareness of services available to children at certain agencies or authorities.