

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, drug and alcohol abuse costs Texas \$19.3 billion a year, according to a 1997 report by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The issue of abuse and its consequences are approached from several directions by various agencies and entities; however, there is no single comprehensive resource for developing policy or program planning. As proposed, C.S.S.B. 558 creates a Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee which brings together the leaders of 14 state agencies to develop the direction of the state's efforts to counter illegal drug use and its consequences.

### **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 461, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 461.017, as follows:

- Sec. 461.017. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REDUCING DRUG DEMAND. (a) Provides that the Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee (committee) is composed of 19 members and sets forth the manner in which the members are appointed from certain entities.
- (b) Requires the representative of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (commission) to serve as the presiding officer of the committee. Authorizes the commission to provide administrative support staff to the committee.
- (c) Requires the committee to meet at least once in each quarter of each calendar year on dates determined by the committee.
- (d) Requires the committee to serve as a single source of information for the governor, the legislature, and the public about issues relating to reducing drug demand, including available prevention programs and services.
- (e) Requires the committee to develop a statewide strategy to reduce drug demand. Sets forth certain criteria the strategy must include.
- (f) Requires the committee to identify lead or contributing agencies or offices that shall implement the strategy described in Subsection (e). Requires the committee to coordinate the implementation of the strategy by those agencies or offices.
- (h) Requires the committee, not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, to present to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives a report containing certain information.

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

**SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Differs from the original by providing for the composition of the Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee, rather than the Drug Abuse Reduction Advisory Committee. Makes conforming changes.