

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 833
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

C.S.S.B. 833 codifies certain child-care training standards currently in the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (department) rule and requires 20 hours of annual training in certain subjects for child-care workers. This bill also requires the department to develop a checklist for inspection that eliminates some of the duplicative inspection of day care centers by various state and local regulatory entities and authorizes school districts to pick up and drop off a child at day care if the child's parent designates the day care as the primary address for this purpose.

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 42.0421(a), Human Resources Code, to set forth guidelines regarding the requirements for minimum training standards prescribed by the department under Section 42.042(p) for an employee of a day-care center or group day-care home.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 42.0442, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to require the interagency task force to establish an inspection checklist based on the inspection protocol developed under Subsection (b). Requires each state agency that inspects a facility listed in Subsection (a) to use the inspection checklist in performing an inspection. Requires a state agency to make a copy of the completed inspection checklist available to the facility at the facility's request to assist the facility in maintaining records. Requires the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to provide to facilities listed in Subsection (a) information regarding inspections, including who may inspect a facility and the purpose of each type of inspection.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 34.007(b), Education Code, to authorize the county or school board, in establishing and operating the transportation system, to allow a parent to designate a child-care facility, as defined by Section 42.002 (Definitions), Human Resources Code, instead of the child's residence as the regular location for purposes of obtaining transportation under the system to and from the child's school.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 42.155, Education Code, by adding Subsection (k) to prohibit the commissioner of education, notwithstanding any other provision of this section, from reducing the allotment to which a district or county is entitled under this section because the district or county provides transportation for an eligible student to and from a child-care facility, as defined by Section 42.002 (Definitions), Human Resources Code, instead of the student's residence, as authorized by Section 34.007 (Public School Transportation System), Education Code, if the transportation is provided within the approved routes of the district or county for the school the student attends.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends As Filed S.B. 833 by removing proposed SECTIONS 1 and 2 relating to sales and use tax exemption and needs assessment for child-care services. Redesignates SECTION 3 as SECTION 1 and removes proposed section title.

SECTION 2. Amends As Filed S.B. 833 by requiring a state agency to make a copy of the completed inspection checklist available to the facility at the facility's request to assist the facility in maintaining records. Adds Subsection (d) to require the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to provide to facilities listed in Subsection (a) information regarding inspection, including who may inspect a facility and the purpose of each type of inspection. Redesignates SECTION 4 as SECTION 2 and removes proposed section title.

SECTION 3. Amends As Filed S.B. 833 by redesignating SECTION 5 as SECTION 3 and removing proposed section title.

SECTION 4. Amends As Filed S.B. 833 by redesignating SECTION 6 as SECTION 4 and removing proposed section title.

SECTION 5. Amends As Filed S.B. 833 by deleting an exception to the effective date of this Act.