

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, staff at nursing home facilities are not required to receive training relating to the care of people who suffer from dementia. As proposed, S.B. 1549 revises current Texas law to require certain individuals who provide nursing services in a nursing institution to receive annual training in caring for people with dementia.

### **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 242.037, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (i), as follows:

- (i) Requires the minimum standards adopted by the Texas Board of Human Services under this section to require that each nursing institution, as part of an existing training program, provide each registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, nurse aide, and nursing assistant who provides nursing services in the institution at least one hour of training each year in caring for people with dementia.

SECTION 2. Provides that it is the intent of the legislature that Section 242.037(i), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, and rules adopted under that subsection, not impose any training requirement that will cause an institution regulated under Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, to incur additional costs.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003. Requires the Texas Board of Human Services to adopt the minimum standards required by Section 242.037(i), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, in time for the standards to take effect on January 1, 2004.