

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas law allows school districts to deed property to a municipality, county, or nonprofit organization for renovation purposes. However, that law also requires that the property be used as a community center at the time that the deed is transferred and continue to be used as such, or the deed reverts to the district. This requirement excludes historic schoolhouses that are not currently usable because of deterioration. As proposed, S.B. 805 eliminates the provision that donated property be used as a community center. This bill also adds state agencies to the list of entities to which a property may be deeded.

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 Sections 11.1541(a) and (b), Education Code, as follows:

(a) Includes a state agency as an entity authorized to receive a real property and improvements donation from a board of trustees of an independent school district. Deletes text referring to the real property's original classification and use as a community center. Deletes text requiring the property and improvements to be used as a community center, leaving the requirement that it be used for public purposes. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(b) Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.