

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) does not have the specific authority to approve computer-based driver education programs. As proposed, S.B. 895 does not require DPS to develop or approve computer-based driver education programs, but allows DPS to approve an alternative program under existing procedures. S.B. 895 specifies that such alternative programs can include electronic methods.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the Texas Department of Public Safety is modified in SECTION 1 (Section 521.205, Transportation Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.205(c), Transportation Code, by adding Subdivision (3) to provide that certain rules adopted by the Department of Public Safety must provide a method by which approval for delivering course materials by an alternative method, including electronic means, is obtained.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.