

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The State Aircraft Pooling Board (SAPB) provides charter service for Texas state government officials and employees for less than its full cost of operation, using an aging fleet of aircraft with high maintenance costs. SAPB also provides maintenance services for about 37 state aircraft, including the 11 it operates. C.S.S.B. 915 outlines the methods and sources of funding for the State Aircraft Pooling Board.

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 2205.007, (b) and (c), Government Code, as follows:

(b) Prohibits certain individuals of a Texas trade association in the field of aircraft sales and leasing from being a State Aircraft Pooling Board (SAPB) member or a SAPB employee who is exempt from SAPB's position classification salary schedule.

(c) Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2205.012(a), Government Code, to authorize SAPB to employ and compensate staff or to use staff provided by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission or the state auditor's office.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 2205.016, Government Code, to require SAPB to file an annual report with certain individuals. Deletes a reference to the formatting of the report.

SECTION 4. Amends Chapter 2205A, Government Code, by adding Section 2205.020, as follows:

Sec. 2205.020. SOURCE OF FUNDING. Prohibits SAPB from receiving appropriations from the state. Requires all expenses of SAPB to be paid from funds received under Section 2205.040.

SECTION 5. Amends Sections 2205.032, (b) and (c), Government Code, to make a conforming change and to delete a requirement related to a long-range plan.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 2205.034(a), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 7. Amends Section 2205.040, Government Code, as follows:

(a) Requires SAPB to adapt rates sufficient to recover all expenses of SAPB, including current obligations for capital equipment financed under the Texas Public Finance Authority's master lease purchase program and aircraft replacement costs.

(b) Requires SAPB to deposit revenue in an amount sufficient to pay its current

obligations for aircraft and other capital equipment financed under the Texas Public Finance Authority's master lease purchase program to the credit of a special account established by the comptroller in the general revenue fund. Authorizes SAPB, in its discretion, to deposit additional revenue into and pay additional expenses from the account.

(c) Requires the Legislative Budget Board to perform certain tasks.

SECTION 8. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTIONS 1-8. Replaces proposed SECTIONS 1-8 with new SECTIONS 1-8 and creates a new bill relating to the method and source of funding for the State Aircraft Pooling Board in place of the original bill which provided for the abolition of that agency.