

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires the attorney general to approve liability insurance policy forms for motor vehicle insurance purchased by state agencies. This statute predates the existence of the State Office of Risk Management, which now provides risk management services to most state agencies. Those agencies not receiving these services from the State Office of Risk Management are the three largest university systems, and TxDOT which have the capacity to make appropriate decisions regarding this type of insurance.

H.B. 933 eliminates unnecessary, duplicative efforts by the attorney general in approving these policies.

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 612.002(b), Government Code, to delete existing text requiring the liability insurance purchased under this section (Liability Insurance for Certain State Employees) to be provided on policy forms approved by the State Board of Insurance as to form and by the attorney general as to liability coverage.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter F, Chapter 412, Labor Code, by adding Section 412.0525, as follows:

Sec. 412.0525. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN COVERAGE. Provides that the provisions of this chapter relating to the purchase of property, casualty, or liability insurance through the State Office of Risk Management do not apply to an institution of higher education with an associated health science center.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.