

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Kids Café is a national program that was launched by America's Second Harvest in 1993 to serve nutritious meals to children at risk for hunger. There are currently more than 1,600 Kids Cafés throughout the United States. Kids Café alleviates childhood hunger by serving weekday dinners to children. Texas exempts a variety of youth after-school and summer programs from child-care licensing requirements in order to facilitate charitable community programs such as this, but programs like this are currently not exempted.

C.S.H.B. 1786 adds meal programs that serve weekday evening meals to the list of community programs that are exempt from child-care licensing requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 42.041(b), Human Resources Code, to include a youth camp licensed by the Department of State Health Services, rather than Texas Department of Health, and a food distribution program that meets certain conditions in the list of entities to which this section (Required License or Accreditation) does not apply.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.