

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In Texas, bleeding disorders affect approximately one percent of the population. There are over 2,000 people with hemophilia and over 200,000 with Willebrand disease. Medications to manage these disorders are very expensive, introducing possible barriers to accessible care.

H.B. 1508 will designate March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in perpetuity. This will promote awareness of those affected by bleeding disorders and their families. Members of this community commend that raising awareness is important to finding solutions to the problems faced by this community.

H.B. 1508 amends current law relating to designating March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

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 Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.112, as follows:

Sec. 662.112. BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH. (a) Provides that March is Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month to increase awareness of genetic disorders that prevent a person's blood from clotting properly and to encourage:

- (1) research for treatments and cures of bleeding disorders; and
- (2) advocacy on behalf of persons with bleeding disorders.

(b) Authorizes Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month to be regularly observed through appropriate activities in communities to increase awareness of bleeding disorders.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.