

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, most minors seeking a driver's license must have a parent or legal guardian cosign their application. This is impossible for some minors whose parents are not able to sign.

H.B. 2551 reduces barriers for these minors by allowing an individual with power of attorney for them, like an older sibling, to cosign the application for the minor.

H.B. 2551 amends current law relating to cosigners on driver's license applications of minors.

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 521.145(a), Transportation Code, to require the application for a driver's license of an applicant under 18 years of age to be signed by certain people, including the parent or guardian who has custody of the applicant or the agent under a power of attorney for the parent who has custody of the applicant.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.