

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 828  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

There are concerns that certain municipalities, such as Queen City, are not permitted to use hotel occupancy tax funds to enhance or upgrade existing sports facilities. Interested parties contend that municipalities such as Queen City want to have upgraded sports facilities and events in place to attract overnight visitors to local hotels. Due to the lack of a permanent concession stand and bathrooms, the Queen City sports facilities lack tournament use to near their full potential. S.B. 828 seeks to address this issue.

As proposed, S.B. 828 amends current law relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.

### **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 351.101(n), Tax Code, to delete existing text applying the requirements of Subsection (a)(7)(C) (relating to sports facilities and fields having been used a combined total of 10 times for district, state, regional, or national sports tournaments in the preceding calendar year) to the use of revenue from the municipal hotel occupancy tax for the promotion of tourism by the enhancement and upgrading of an existing sports facility or field as specified by Subsection (a)(7) (relating to the enhancement and upgrading of certain sports facilities and fields to promote tourism) by a municipality that has a population of not more than 1,500 and is located in a county that borders Arkansas and Louisiana.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.