

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 585
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Human Services
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Board of Directors (Board) is made up of six Board members, four of which are required to hold a demonstrated interest in the services provided by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) and two Board members of the general public. While part of the Board is made up of TDPRS members with a demonstrated interest in the services provided by TDPRS, they do not necessarily hold the personal experience or knowledge of receiving those services. CSHB 585 requires that one Board member be a person who was a child in the foster care system.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

ANALYSIS

CSHB 585 amends the Human Resource Code requiring that one of the Board members be a person who was a child in the foster care system.

CSHB 585 requires that as the terms of the Board members expire or as vacancies occur, the governor will make appointments to the Board to achieve, as soon as possible, this membership plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act takes effect immediately if it receives the necessary vote, or if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

CSHB 585 modifies the original bill by requiring that one of the Board members be a former foster child. The substitute removes provisions from the original bill that increases the number of Board members from six to seven. CSHB 585 requires that the governor appoint a former foster child as the new incoming member.