

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 681
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Chapter 361 of the Local Government Code is entitled *Municipal and County Authority Relating to Jails*. It comprises the following subchapters:

- Subchapter A. Criminal Justice Center in Certain Municipalities and Counties.
- Subchapter B. Justice Centers Located on State Lines.
- Subchapter C. Joint Municipal and County Jail Facilities in Certain Counties.
- Subchapter D. Provisions For Correctional Facilities.
- Subchapter E. Municipal Contract With County or Private Entity for Jail Facilities.

House Bill 681 would amend § 361.067, appearing in subchapter E. Under this law, a county may not establish a jail or similar facility in a city with a population of 1.5 million, and if the county jail would be within one-half mile of a school, college, or church. H.B. 681 would repeal this restriction on county jails.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Local Government Code § 361.067 to permit county jails in a city with a population of 1.5 million to be located within one-half mile of a public school, higher educational institution, or place of worship.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately with a two-thirds vote, or September 1, 2003.