

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1633
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, school districts are permitted to deed property to a municipality, county, or nonprofit organization for renovation purposes. However, law also requires that the property be used as a community center at the time that the deed is transferred and continue to be used as such, or the deed reverts to the district. This requirement excludes historic schoolhouses that are not currently usable because of deterioration. House Bill 1633 eliminates the provision that donated property be used as a community center. This bill also adds state agencies to the list of entities to which a property may be deeded.

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.

ANALYSIS

House Bill 1633 amends the Education Code by including a state agency as an entity authorized to receive a real property and improvements donation from a board of trustees of an independent school district. The bill deletes provisions referring to the real property's original classification and use as a community center. The bill deletes the requirement that the property and improvements be used as a community center.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.