

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 2701  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under current state law, the Commissioner of Insurance through the State Fire Marshal is authorized to provide fire prevention and safety education. Like other state agencies, the State Fire Marshal's office faces significant budget cuts in light of the budget shortfall. Fire prevention and safety education services are among those services that may be subject to budget cuts. C.S.H.B. 2701 requires the Commissioner of Insurance through the State Fire Marshal to provide fire prevention and safety education.

### **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**

C.S.H.B. 2701 amends the Government Code to require, rather than authorize, the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) through the State Fire Marshal to develop educational programs and disseminate materials to educate the public regarding fire prevention and safety. The bill authorizes the Commissioner through the State Fire Marshal to accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for fire prevention and safety education.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2003.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

The substitute conforms the original to Texas Legislative Council style and format.