

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2819
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State Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

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