

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3376

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Committee Report (Substituted)

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

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