

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, a minor can receive judicial approval to have an abortion without notifying the minor's parents. However, statewide statistical information regarding the frequency of such approvals is not collected. As proposed, S.B. 331 requires the Texas Supreme Court to establish a program to collect statistical information regarding the number of applications and appeals for such judicial approvals.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Supreme Court in SECTION 1 (Section 33.012, Family Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 33, Family Code, by adding Section 33.012, as follows:

Sec. 33.012. STATISTICAL INFORMATION. (a) Requires the Texas Supreme Court (court) to adopt rules for the collection of statistical information relating to:

(1) The number of applications filed, granted, and denied under Section 33.003 (regarding judicial approval for a minor to have an abortion without parental approval) and the number of applications deemed to be granted under Section 33.003(h).

(2) The number of appeals made, granted, and denied under Section 33.004 (regarding an appeal of the aforementioned judicial decision) and the number of appeals deemed to be granted under Section 33.004(b).

(b) Requires this information to be made available to the public in aggregate form on a regional basis as determined by the court.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.