

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 616
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In 2001, the 77th Texas Legislature created the Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee to develop the direction of the state's efforts to counter illegal drug use. Five of the members of the committee represent the public from different geographic regions of the state and the other members represent fifteen different state agencies. Senate Bill 616 adds five state agencies to be represented on the committee.

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

Amends Sections 461.017(a) and (e), Health and Safety Code, as follows:

(a) Deletes the number 20, referring to the number of members on the Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee. Adds certain entities to the list of agencies or offices from which one member of the committee must be drawn.

(e) Adds the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to the list of entities the Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee shall coordinate the efforts of, to the extent possible, to reduce drug demand.

Requires certain entities and persons, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to appoint a representative to the committee under Section 461.017, Health and Safety Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.