

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 685  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure only allows peace officers to arrest a person they have probable cause to believe committed an assault resulting in bodily injury to “a member of the person’s family or household.” This definition excludes a dating relationship. As proposed, C.S.S.B. 685 amends Article 14.03, Code of Criminal Procedure, to refer to the definition of “family violence” provided in Section 71.004, Family Code, which will give law enforcement officers the authority to intervene in cases where they believe an assault resulting in bodily injury has occurred.

### **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.S.B. 685 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow any peace officer to arrest, without warrant, persons who the peace officer has probable cause to believe have committed an offense involving family violence.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2003.

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

The substitute differs from the engrossed bill by replacing “committed family violence” with “committed an offense involving family violence.”