

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 895  
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Law Enforcement  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) does not have the specific authority to approve parent taught, computer-based driver education programs. As proposed, Senate Bill 895 requires DPS to provide a method by which approval for delivering course materials by an alternative method is obtained, including electronic means.

### **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**

Senate Bill 895 amends Section 521.205(c), Transportation Code, by adding Subdivision (3) to provide that certain rules adopted by the Department of Public Safety must provide a method by which approval for delivering course materials by an alternative method is obtained, including electronic means.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.