

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current Texas law does not consider a public junior college or community college an "agency." This has created confusion in local areas, for example, when a junior college or community college is working with an economic development board on a new business start-up project. In this situation, the college applies for the Skills Development Fund from the Texas Workforce Commission, but in order to administer the training project, the college currently needs to enter into an interagency agreement with the workforce development board.

H.B. 1331 includes junior colleges and community colleges in the Interagency Cooperation Act.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 771.002(1), Government Code, to redefine "agency."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 771.003, Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 771.004(a), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 771.007, Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 771.010, Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 6. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.