

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1492
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, a law enforcement officer, a fire fighter, an emergency medical service employee or paramedic, or a correctional officer may request a health authority to order testing of another person who may have exposed the person to a reportable disease, including HIV infection. In a county jail setting or other correctional facility, there are other individuals, such as nurses or counselors, who may be exposed to a reportable disease, but are not included under current law.

The purpose of this bill is to expand the categories of persons who may request testing to include an employee, contractor, or volunteer who performs a service in a correctional facility.

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

The bill provides that an employee, contractor, or volunteer who performs a service in a correctional, secure correctional or secure detention facility be added as persons who may request testing of another person who may have exposed them to a reportable disease.

The bill provides that this Act applies only to a person exposed on or after the effective date and that a person exposed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the exposure occurred, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005.