

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2961  
By: Paxton  
Economic Development  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In 1987, the Texas Legislature created parent advisory committees at certain child care centers to give parents a voice (70<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session H.B. 500). Only child care centers in which the enrollment consists of 30% or more children whose services are paid with government subsidies must have these committees. The purpose of these advisory committees was to empower these parents with a voice in the child care center.

However, in 1990, Congress passed the Child Care Development Block Grant which required parents to be given a choice in the selection of where their child received child care. Because these parents now have the freedom to choose any center, the advisory committees have become obsolete.

Also obsolete is the provision which gives TWC Executive Director the authority to establish eligibility standards. Section 44.002(a) delegates rulemaking authority over eligibility standards to the Texas Workforce Commission which in turn operates within the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### **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**

SECTION 1. Repeals Section 44.002(c), Human Resources Code, which established parent advisory committees and repeals Section 44.002(d) which granted the Executive Director of the Texas Workforce Commission the authority to establish eligibility standards for child care services.

SECTION 2. Provides the effective date of this Act.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2005.