

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1830
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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, there are 7,300 individuals in long-term intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR) who require specialized assistance in their everyday activities. The value of the care received by individuals with mental retardation is dependent on the financial support allotted to those facilities. A portion of the money that is designated for such facilities is supplied from federal funds. The quality assurance fee is an indispensable tool in drawing funds from the federal government to aid in supporting the activities of long term intermediate facilities.

S.B. 1830 continues the quality assurance fee for an indefinite period of time in order to ensure better conditions for persons in long term ICF-MRs.

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. Repealer: Section 252.209 (Legislative Review; Expiration), Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.