

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4035
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The current statute for the Moore County Hospital District (MCHD) was passed in 1969. Since that time, Moore County has grown substantially and MCHD's duties have increased as well. The existing law has some limitations about who the district may hire and when the district may hire employees.

C.S.H.B. 4035 would allow MCHD's board of directors to hire physicians or other health care providers as the board deems necessary. Furthermore, it would allow the board to delegate to the administrator or manager of the district the authority to hire employees other than physicians for the hospital district.

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

C.S.H.B. 4035 amends Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 by adding language that would allow the Moore County Hospital District to employ physicians or other health care providers as the board of directors considers necessary for the efficient operation of the hospital district. It also stipulates that this section does not authorize the board to supervise or control the practice of medicine, as prohibited by the Occupations Code. The bill also states that the administrator or manager of the hospital district may also employ persons to work for the district other than physicians.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute differs from the original bill by removing the term "dentists" from page 2, line 18 and page 2, line 25.