

House Bill 3309
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0386 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0386. **ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT GROUPS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.** The commission shall allow advocacy and support groups for victims of sexual assault to provide information, support, and other services for children confined in commission facilities.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

SENATE VERSION

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0386 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0386. **ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT GROUPS.** (a) The commission shall allow advocacy and support groups whose primary functions are to benefit children, inmates, girls and women, the mentally ill, and victims of sexual assault to provide on-site information, support, and other services for children confined in commission facilities.

(b) The commission shall adopt security and privacy procedures for advocacy and support groups that provide on-site information, support, and other services under this section. The security and privacy procedures may not be designed to deny an advocacy or support group access to children confined in commission facilities.

(c) The commission shall adopt standards consistent with standards adopted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice regarding the confidential correspondence of children confined in commission facilities with external entities, including advocacy and support groups.

Same as House version.

CONFERENCE