

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2224
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Licensed child-care facilities and registered family homes must meet minimum standards set forth by the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). These standards are in place to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the children while in the hands of their child-care provider. Right now, DFPS does not include a minimum standard for child-care providers to meet who care for children with special needs.

H.B. 2224 requires DFPS to promulgate minimum standards for certain child-care providers for purposes of following a physician's orders for children with specialized medical assistance needs.

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

H.B. 2224 amends the Human Resources Code to add to the minimum standards the Department of Family and Protective Services is required to promulgate for licensed child-care facilities and registered family homes standards to ensure that a child-care facility or registered family home follows the directions of a child's physician or other health care provider in providing specialized medical assistance required by the child.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.