

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 290
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, an offense of employment harmful to children, including a repeat offense, is classified as a Class A misdemeanor. H.B. 290 enhances the penalty for a subsequent conviction of this offense to a felony of the third degree.

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. 290 amends the Penal Code to enhance the penalty for a subsequent conviction of employment harmful to children from a Class A misdemeanor to a third degree felony.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.