

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Some parents would benefit from participating in programs that provide early childhood education, adult literacy, parenting education, and interactive parent-and-child literacy activities. However, under current state law, an unlicensed, nonprofit child-care facility cannot provide child care to a child for more than 12 hours per week, even when the parent may be in the next room. This limitation may make it difficult for the parents to participate in the educational classes.

H.B. 3051 addresses this issue by amending Section 42.041 (Required License), Human Resources Code, relating to the required licenses for child-care facilities to provide care for each child for a maximum of 15 hours per week without obtaining a license under certain circumstances. This bill is limited to facilities located in a county with a population of 800,000 or more that is adjacent to an international border.

H.B. 3051 amends current law relating to the provision of child care by certain facilities exempt from child-care licensing requirements.

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. Amends Section 42.041, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (f), as follows:

(f) Authorizes a child-care facility that is exempt under Subsection (b)(3) (relating to a facility that is operated in connection with a shopping center, business, religious organization, or establishment where children are cared for during short periods while parents or persons responsible for the children are attending religious services, shopping, or engaging in other activities, including retreats or classes for religious instruction, on or near the premises, that does not advertise as a child-care facility or day-care center, and that informs parents that it is not licensed by the state) from the licensing requirement of Subsection (a) (relating to prohibiting a person from operating a child-care facility or child-placing agency without a license) to provide care for each child at the child-care facility for not more than 15 hours a week if the child-care facility:

(1) provides the child care so that a person may attend an educational class provided by a nonprofit entity; and

(2) is located in a county with a population of 800,000 or more that is adjacent to an international border.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2011.