

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3051
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Human Services
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Some parents would benefit from participating in programs that provide early childhood education, adult literacy, parenting education, and interactive parent-and-child literacy activities, but an unlicensed, nonprofit child-care facility cannot provide child care to a child for enough hours per week for parents to attend some activities, even though the parent may be in the next room. This can make it difficult for parents to participate in the programs. C.S.H.B. 3051 seeks to address this issue by authorizing certain child-care facilities to provide care for each child at the child-care facility for not more than 15 hours a week under certain circumstances.

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. 3051 amends the Human Resources Code to limit to 15 hours a week for each child at the child-care facility the number of hours a child-care facility that is exempt from licensing requirements because, among other conditions, the facility 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 engaged in certain activities on or near the premises, is authorized to provide that care if the facility provides the child care so that a person may attend an educational class provided by a nonprofit entity and the facility is located in a county with a population of 800,000 or more that is adjacent to an international border.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 3051 differs from the original by specifying that its provisions apply to a child-care facility located in a county with a population of 800,000 or more that is adjacent to an international border, whereas the original specifies a child-care facility located in a municipality with a population of 800,000 or more that is adjacent to an international border.