BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3547 By: Alvarado Urban Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, local governments do not have the authority to conduct fire inspections of child daycare centers because such an inspection is regulated by a certain state agency. H.B. 3547 seeks to address this issue by granting authority to counties and municipalities to conduct fire inspections at licensed group day-care and registered family homes.

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. 3547 amends the Human Resources Code to authorize a municipality or a county to enforce state law and rules adopted under state law concerning fire safety standards at a licensed group day-care home or a registered family home. The bill requires a municipality or county to report to the Department of Family and Protective Services any violation of fire safety standards observed by the municipality or county at a licensed group day-care home or registered family home.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.

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