

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 744
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties observe that school districts currently purchase liability insurance for bodily injuries sustained by students while training for or engaging in interschool athletic competitions or while engaging in school-sponsored activities on a school campus. The parties note, however, that students being transported for off-campus school activities should also be covered. H.B. 744 seeks to provide for such coverage.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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. 744 amends the Education Code to remove as a condition to the authority of a school district board of trustees to obtain insurance against bodily injuries sustained by students while engaging in school-sponsored activities the activities occurring on a school campus, beginning with the 2015–2016 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.