**BILL ANALYSIS**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Senate Research Center | H.B. 822 |
| 85R3151 JCG-F | By: Canales et al. (Hinojosa) |
|  | Administration |
|  | 5/16/2017 |
|  | Engrossed |

**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties note that some of the most effective strategies for the prevention of sexual assault involve public knowledge and awareness. H.B. 822 seeks to increase awareness of sexual assault by designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

H.B. 822 amends current law relating to designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**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 Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.111, as follows:

Sec. 662.111. SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH. (a) Provides that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month to increase awareness and prevention of sexual assault.

(b) Authorizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month to be regularly observed through appropriate activities in public schools and other places to increase awareness and prevention of sexual assault.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.