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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2891 |
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| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  According to interested parties, the statutory medical authorization form required to be included with a notice asserting a health care liability claim is not compliant with certain federal law. H.B. 2891 seeks to address this issue by revising the form to be compliant with federal law. |
| **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. 2891 amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to revise the medical authorization form for release of protected health information in a health care liability claim. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017. |