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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2986 |
| By: Gonzales, Larry |
| Public Health |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties are concerned the public lacks sufficient awareness of diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, a fatal pediatric tumor. The goal of H.B. 2986 is to increase awareness of these tumors by designating a Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day as part of the already nationally recognized Brain Tumor Awareness Month of May. |
| **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. 2986 amends the Government Code to designate May 17 as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day to raise awareness about the prevalence and deadliness of diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, a pediatric brain tumor. The bill requires the day to be regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |