

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 822
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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.

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. 822 amends the Government Code to designate April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to increase awareness and prevention of sexual assault and to authorize the regular observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month through appropriate activities in public schools and other places to increase awareness and prevention of sexual assault.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.