

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2283
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note the harm caused to a child when a person who is in a position of power to exploit the child's emotional state or trust, such as an employee of a child-care facility regulated by the Department of Family and Protective Services, engages in sexual contact with the child, and the parties contend that the law regarding sexual assault should explicitly address such a situation. H.B. 2283 seeks to address this issue by including such an employee as an employee of a facility for purposes of the offense of sexual assault.

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. 2283 amends the Penal Code to include an employee of a child-care facility regulated by the Department of Family and Protective Services as an employee of a facility for purposes of the offense of sexual assault.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.