

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 203
By: West
Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties report that the state's permanency care assistance program has resulted in significant cost-savings to the state and positive outcomes for foster care youth but that the deadline for the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to enter into permanency care assistance agreements with certain kinship providers occurs on August 31, 2017. S.B. 203 seeks to continue the program by repealing the statutory provision prohibiting DFPS from entering into such an agreement after that deadline.

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

S.B. 203 repeals Section 264.857, Family Code, which prohibits the Department of Family and Protective Services from entering into a permanency care assistance agreement after August 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.