

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2298
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the need for increased statewide efforts to promote awareness for sexual assault prevention and to spread hope for survivors of sexual assault. H.B. 2298 seeks to address this issue by designating January 28 as Sexual Assault Survivors Day.

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. 2298 amends the Government Code to designate January 28 as Sexual Assault Survivors Day to bring awareness to the issue of sexual assault and to recognize the courage of survivors throughout Texas. The bill authorizes the day to be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.