BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3193 By: Hinojosa Human Services Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the inconsistency of the length of the licensing period for home and community support services agencies. C.S.H.B. 3193 seeks to expand the licensing period for those agencies by changing the date on which the license expires, thereby making it consistent with the terms of other licensed long-term care providers and to provide for an increase in certain license fees.

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 rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in SECTION 3 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3193 amends the Health and Safety Code to change the date on which a home and community support services agency license expires from two years after the date of issuance to three years after the date of issuance. The bill raises from \$2,000 to \$2,625 the cap on the fee for a license to provide home health, hospice, habilitation, or personal assistance services. The bill requires the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules necessary to implement the bill's provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3193 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute includes a provision raising the cap on the fee for a license to provide home health, hospice, habilitation, or personal assistance services.

The substitute does not include a repeal of the requirement that an on-site survey of a home and community support services agency be conducted within 18 months after a survey for an initial license and then at least every 36 months after that time.