

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3738
By: Goldman
Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Many parents have reported having a hard time finding quality and reliable information on day-care providers in Texas because no single source of information exists for parents to use. H.B. 3738 seeks to provide for the creation of a single, statewide website of day-care providers.

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. 3738 amends the Human Resources Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to create and maintain a single, statewide website of day-care providers that complies with certain prescribed design and content requirements. The bill requires HHSC to make the website available not later than January 1, 2020, to consult with the Texas Early Learning Council in developing the website, and to make the website available through a mobile application for wireless communication devices. The bill authorizes HHSC to contract with a third party to establish the website and mobile application.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.