

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 905
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Committee Report (Substituted)

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 905 directs the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to create a direct potable reuse document so that entities will be able to understand the process for having such a project. It does not create new rules or permitting.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 905 amends current law relating to guidance on the regulations applicable to the potable reuse of wastewater.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 341.0391, as follows:

Sec. 341.0391. DIRECT POTABLE REUSE GUIDANCE. (a) Defines "direct potable reuse" as the introduction of treated reclaimed municipal wastewater either:

(1) directly into a public water system; or

(2) into a raw water supply immediately before the water enters a drinking water treatment plant.

(b) Requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to develop and make available to the public a regulatory guidance manual to explain TCEQ rules that apply to direct potable reuse.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.