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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| C.S.H.B. 1636 |
| By: Canales |
| Higher Education |
| Committee Report (Substituted) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Occupational growth in the field of child and family development for the South Texas region is projected to average 33.1 percent between 2022 and 2032, according to job protection and salary data from Lightcast. C.S.H.B. 1636 seeks to allow South Texas College to meet the growing demand in this field for the region by adding a bachelor of applied science degree in child and family development to their offered baccalaureate degree programs. |
| **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**  C.S.H.B. 1636 amends the Education Code to raise the cap on the number of baccalaureate degree programs that South Texas College may offer at any time from five to six. The bill requires one of the baccalaureate programs offered by the college to be a bachelor of applied science degree in child and family development. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023. |
| **COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE**  While C.S.H.B. 1636 may differ from the introduced 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 requirement not in the introduced for South Texas College to offer a bachelor of applied science degree in child and family development. |
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