

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1357
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the state Medicaid program provides reimbursement for medication-assisted opioid or substance abuse treatment. However, there is a sunset provision for the section of state law requiring the Health and Human Services Commission to provide this reimbursement. Without any intervention from the legislature, reimbursement will cease on August 31, 2023. H.B. 1357 seeks to remove this sunset date and make Medicaid reimbursement for medication-assisted treatment for opioid or certain substance use disorders permanent in state law.

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. 1357 repeals Section 32.03115(e), Human Resources Code, which sets provisions regarding Medicaid reimbursement for medication-assisted treatment for opioid or certain substance use disorders to expire on August 31, 2023.

H.B. 1357 provides for the delayed implementation of any bill provision for which an applicable state agency determines a federal waiver or authorization is necessary for implementation until the waiver or authorization is requested and granted.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023.