

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2943
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Texas has the second largest disabled community of all states, many of whom are young adults facing uncertainties after graduating or aging out of school systems. In addition, such individuals are often overlooked in the workforce. As such, there have been calls to encourage and broaden entrepreneurial options in Texas for more individuals with disabilities. H.B. 2943 seeks to recognize the career pathways available for these individuals by designating October 17 as Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Day.

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. 2943 amends the Government Code to designate October 17 as Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Day to recognize entrepreneurship as a career path for all people with disabilities and bring awareness and inclusion to every aspect of the workforce. The bill authorizes the regular observance of Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Day by appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.