

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 791
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Central Catholic High School in San Antonio is a college preparatory high school with the mission of educating young men, from diverse backgrounds, in the Marianist tradition for success through the development of scholarship, leadership, and moral character.

Central Catholic has operated in downtown San Antonio for the past 173 years, and the alumni and students of Central Catholic have expressed interest in having their own specialty license plates. CCHS has fostered a community of graduates and engaged learners who demonstrate unwavering school pride, and H.B. 791 would allow them to showcase this pride in a meaningful way.

H.B. 791 by Cortez (SP: Menéndez) would allow the issuance of specialty license plates to Central Catholic High School students and alums. The license plates must include the words "With Loyal Hearts" on the bottom of each plate and the logo of the Central Catholic High School on the left side of each plate.

The funds raised from the specialty license plates, after deducting administrative cost, will be deposited into General Revenue. H.B. 791 augments the state's finances and also helps individuals show their support for Central Catholic High School.

H.B. 791 amends current law relating to the issuance of Central Catholic High School specialty license plates.

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 G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.683, as follows:

Sec. 504.683. CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LICENSE PLATES. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates that include the words "With Loyal Hearts" on the bottom of each plate and the logo of Central Catholic High School on the left side of each plate. Requires TxDMV to design the plates in consultation with a representative of Central Catholic High School in San Antonio.

(b) Requires that the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates, after deduction of TxDMV's administrative costs, be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.