

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1589
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill sponsor has informed the committee of concerns regarding the authority of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to reclaim case management functions, in part or whole, from a single source continuum contractor (SSCC) after the case management function has been transitioned to the SSCC unless there is a full contract turnover or termination on the part of either the SSCC or DFPS. The bill sponsor has further informed the committee of the need for DFPS to respond to and expeditiously address concerns with case management performance without a full contract turnover being initiated. S.B. 1589 seeks to allow DFPS, in a contract between DFPS and an SSCC to provide community-based care services in a catchment area, to reclaim the case management authority over any or all of the cases in a catchment area from the SSCC or to transfer the case management authority over any or all of the cases in a catchment area from the SSCC to another SSCC.

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

S.B. 1589 amends the Family Code to include among the required provisions for a contract between the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and a single source continuum contractor to provide community-based care services in a catchment area provisions that allow DFPS, at DFPS's sole discretion, to do the following:

- reclaim the case management authority over any or all of the cases in a catchment area from the single source continuum contractor; or
- transfer the case management authority over any or all of the cases in a catchment area from the single source continuum contractor to another single source continuum contractor.

S.B. 1589 applies only to a contract entered into or amended, modified, renewed, or extended on after the bill's effective date. A contract entered into or amended, modified, renewed, or extended before the bill's effective date is governed by the law in effect on the date the contract was entered into or amended, modified, renewed, or extended, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.