

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 821  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

There is concern that inconsistent use of the terms "primary" and "elementary" has led to confusion and disagreement among parents regarding which school calendar times to follow when picking up and dropping off children. S.B. 821 seeks to clarify this issue.

### **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. 821 amends the Family Code to replace certain references to a primary school with references to an elementary school to conform to usage in other state law. The bill specifies, for purposes of provisions relating to the parent-child relationship, that a reference to elementary school includes prekindergarten.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2015.