

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3359
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Homeland Security & Public Safety
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the state should make information regarding bone marrow donations more readily available given that such donations can provide numerous medical benefits. C.S.H.B. 3359 seeks to authorize the Department of Public Safety to make informational materials and videos on bone marrow donation publicly available in driver's license offices.

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

C.S.H.B. 3359 amends the Transportation Code to authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to make available, in a publicly accessible area of a driver's license office, informational materials and videos on bone marrow donation that are developed by an appropriate entity, as determined by DPS.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3359 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.012. INFORMATION ON NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM. (a) The department shall

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.0062 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.0062. INFORMATION ON BONE MARROW DONATION. The department may make available, in a

make available, in a publicly accessible area of a driver's license office, informational materials that provide information on the National Marrow Donor Program, including basic bone marrow donation information in English and Spanish and a contact phone number and e-mail address.

(b) The department shall include space on each application for a new or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate that informs the applicant of the existence of the National Marrow Donor Program, the contact information for the program, and a description of the program's purpose.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.