

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1064
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls for a day designated to honor the service and bravery of firefighters and the memory of those firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. C.S.H.B. 1064 seeks to address these calls by designating May 4 as Texas Firefighters 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

C.S.H.B. 1064 amends the Government Code to designate May 4 as Texas Firefighters Day in honor of the bravery, determination, and service of Texas firefighters, many of whom are volunteers, and to authorize the day to be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 1064 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute does not include the specification that regular observance of Texas Firefighters Day be in public schools and other places and does not include the requirement that the Texas Education Agency develop recommendations for the observation of the day in public schools.

The substitute includes the specification that regular observance of the day be by appropriate ceremonies and activities.