

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2889  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Concerns have been expressed that victims of traumatic acts of sexual violence are too often retraumatized by having their past sexual behavior used against them in the courtroom. H.B. 2889 seeks to address this issue by changing how evidence is used at trial.

### **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**

H.B. 2889 sets out amendments to the Texas Rules of Evidence.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.