

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3054
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls for the state to increase awareness of firearm safety to improve public safety. C.S.H.B. 3054 seeks to answer those calls by designating June as Firearm Safety Awareness Month.

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. 3054 amends the Government Code to designate June as Firearm Safety Awareness Month to increase awareness of firearm safety and encourage community residents and leaders to discuss the safe and responsible ownership, storage, and use of firearms and to promote voluntary and collaborative methods that improve public safety. The bill authorizes Firearm Safety Awareness Month to be regularly observed through appropriate activities in communities to increase awareness of and education on the responsible use of firearms.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3054 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 changes the designation of June from Gun Violence Awareness Month to Firearm Safety Awareness Month.