

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 435
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Increasing rates of opioid addiction and deaths due to overdoses have exposed the need for education related to the dangers of abusing opioids, whether the opioid is a prescription or an illicit drug. S.B. 435 seeks to fill this need by adding to a local school health advisory council's duties the duty to make recommendations regarding grade levels and curriculum for relevant instruction.

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. 435 amends the Education Code to include among the duties of a local school health advisory council recommending appropriate grade levels and curriculum for instruction regarding opioid addiction and abuse and methods of administering an opioid antagonist.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.