

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2005
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In 2019, the George W. Bush Foundation engaged with Jack Goodnoe Cemetery Planning and Design to create options for President and Mrs. Bush to be laid to rest at the George W. Bush Presidential Center. However, since there are certain statutory restrictions on the locations of cemeteries, it is necessary to secure a state legislative exemption to establish a private family cemetery at the site of the center's George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. C.S.H.B. 2005 seeks to provide such an exemption from certain cemetery location restrictions for the establishment and use of a private family cemetery located at the site of a presidential library and museum.

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. 2005 amends the Health and Safety Code to exempt the establishment and use of a private family cemetery located at the site of a presidential library and museum from certain cemetery location restrictions.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2005 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 specification for the location of a private family cemetery from being at a presidential library and museum to being located at the site of such a library and museum.