

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Missing Children and Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse maintains and collects information on missing children and missing persons. This information is to be made available statewide. This bill upgrades the functions of the clearinghouse in Texas by adding certain categories of children and key procedures and methods to follow when maintaining the clearinghouse.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1153 upgrades the functions of the Missing Children and Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse in Texas by adding certain categories of children and key procedures and methods to follow when maintaining the clearinghouse.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 79.003(b), Human Resources Code, to require the Missing Children and Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse (clearinghouse) to establish, if money is appropriated for that purpose, a system of intrastate communication of information relating to missing children, missing persons, and unidentified dead bodies; collect, process, maintain, and disseminate accurate and complete information on missing children and missing persons, including methods of locating and recovering missing children and missing persons. Requires the clearinghouse to provide for reporting sightings of missing children and missing persons. Sets forth additional responsibilities of the clearinghouse.

SECTION 2. Requires certain persons to create a joint interim study. Requires the Department of Public Safety to provide assistance to the committee in performing its duties under this section.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.