

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is not authorized to assign priorities to an investigation conducted at Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) facilities by the department. This bill grants DPRS the rulemaking authority to prioritize investigations at MHMR facilities in an effort to more efficiently use staff time and resources.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 115 grants rulemaking authority to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in assigning priorities to certain investigations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill grants rulemaking authority to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in SECTION 1 (Section 48.081(g), Human Resources Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 48.081, Human Resources Code, by amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (h), to authorize the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (department), by rule, to assign priorities to an investigation conducted by the department. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.