

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

S.B. 197
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Committee Report (Unamended)

DIGEST

Currently, Section 461.012, Health and Safety Code, does not list the regulation of alcoholic awareness courses as one of the required duties of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA). The report of the Texas Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, *Interim Report on Improving Immunization Programs and Restricting Children's Access to Tobacco and Alcohol*, recommends that TCADA be allowed to establish rules and monitor such alcohol awareness programs. TCADA certifies over 106 alcohol awareness programs across the state and is currently working on approving an alcohol awareness program for under-age drinkers that have been charged with possession or the consumption of alcohol. S.B. 197 would require TCADA to regulate such courses.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 197 requires the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to regulate alcoholic awareness courses required under Section 106.11, Alcoholic Beverage Code, relating to attendance of alcohol awareness course by a minor for violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Code.

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 461.012(a), Health and Safety Code, to require the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) to regulate, coordinate, and provide training for alcohol awareness courses required under Section 106.11, Alcoholic Beverage Code, relating to attendance of alcohol awareness course by a minor for violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Code, among other required duties. Authorizes the commission to charge a fee for an activity performed by TCADA under this subdivision. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

There were no committee changes.