

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, persons receiving financial assistance under Aid to Families with Dependent Children are required to attend all class components of parenting skills training. Problems have arisen because not all components are offered in every geographical area and not all components are pertinent to the needs of the mother. This bill permits these persons to attend only those parenting class components appropriate to their needs.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 60 establishes parenting skills training for certain recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

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 31.0031(d), Human Resources Code, to require a responsibility agreement to require that each dependent child younger than 18 years of age or teen parent younger than 19 years of age attend school unless the child is specifically exempted from attendance under Section 25.086, rather than Section 21.033, Education Code. Requires the responsibility agreement to require each recipient to attend appropriate parenting skills training classes, as determined by a needs assessment.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 31.0135(b), Human Resources Code, to require parenting skills training to include one or more components of the parenting skills training program that the Texas Department of Human Services determines will be useful to the caretaker relative or parent. Makes a conforming change.

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