

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The purpose of H.B. 2914 is to inform potential consumers of home and community support services, licensed convalescent and nursing homes, and other related institutions of the employee drug testing policies of such organizations and to encourage health care employers to maintain a drug-free environment. H.B. 2914 requires agencies that provide home and community support services, licensed convalescent and nursing homes, and other related institutions to provide potential consumers with a statement regarding their employee drug testing policies.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2914 requires certain agencies that provide home and community support services to provide potential consumers with a statement regarding their employee drug testing policies.

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 Chapter 142A, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 142.007, as follows:

Sec. 142.007. NOTICE OF DRUG TESTING POLICY. Requires an agency licensed under this chapter (Home And Community Support Services) to provide each person applying for services from the agency and any person requesting the information with a statement describing the agency's policy for the drug testing of employees who have direct contact with clients.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 242B, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 242.0371, as follows:

Sec. 242.0371. NOTICE OF DRUG TESTING POLICY. Requires an institution licensed under this chapter (Convalescent And Nursing Homes And Related Institutions) to provide each person applying for services from the agency and any person requesting the information with a statement describing the agency's policy for the drug testing of employees who have direct contact with clients.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.