

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, only certain agencies may share information regarding convicted felons. The sharing of information among agencies provides continuity of care to offenders with mental or physical impairments. H.B. 3256 would amend current law to authorize the sharing of information regarding special needs offenders to include criminal justice, human services, and educational agencies.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3256 authorizes the sharing of information between certain agencies regarding a special needs offender.

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 614.017, Health and Safety Code, to authorize an agency to disclose information about the identity of a special needs offender, including the offender's supervision status and compliance with conditions of supervision. Redefines "agency" and "special needs offender." Deletes text regarding an agency authorized to provide continuity of care for a special needs offender.

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