

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, under Texas law, gas utilities or municipally owned utilities may refuse to provide services to a school district even if pipeline capacity is available on an existing facility of the utility. This would prohibit a gas utility or municipally owned utility from refusing to provide services to a school district under certain circumstances.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1797 prohibits a gas utility or municipally owned utility from refusing to provide services to a school district under certain circumstances.

### **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 104.254, Utilities Code, to prohibit a gas utility or municipally owned utility from refusing to provide services to a school district if pipeline capacity is available on an existing facility of the utility.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.