

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 923  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, a licensed driver age 18 or older who accompanies a student driver can be asleep without violating the statute. Current law requires accompaniment, rather than supervision from the accompanying driver. C.S.S.B. 923 increases the level of required responsibility from the accompanying driver by creating an offense for certain behavior.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 923 creates an offense for certain behavior by a person in a vehicle operated by an instruction permit holder.

### **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 521.222, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (f), to create an offense for a person who sleeps, is intoxicated, or is engaged in distracting behavior while occupying a seat in a vehicle operated by an instruction permit holder.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 1.

Deletes proposed SECTION 1, and amends Section 521.222, Transportation Code, by adding text regarding an offense.