

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The Family Code requires a local law enforcement agency, on receipt of a report alleging child abuse by a person responsible for the child's care, to investigate the report jointly with the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (DPRS) or another responsible agency. However, this provision is not in the Code of Criminal Procedure, which many law enforcement agencies rely upon for guidance. H.B. 1267 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to require an investigator from an appropriate local law enforcement agency, on receipt of a report alleging child abuse, to investigate the report jointly with the DPRS or another responsible agency.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Article 2.27, as follows:

Art. 2.27. INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN REPORTS ALLEGING CHILD ABUSE.  
Requires an investigator from the appropriate local law enforcement agency, on receipt of a report alleging serious physical or sexual abuse of a child by a person responsible for the care, custody, or welfare of the child, to investigate the report jointly with the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or with the agency responsible for conducting an investigation under Chapter 261E, Family Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.