

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1373  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, the Texas Board of Health (board) is allowed to accredit food protection education and training courses. C.S.S.B. 1373 requires the board to establish the course content required for the accreditation and training programs for food service workers. The bill also requires such students to take a department approved examination to assist the department in evaluating the program.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Board of Health in SECTION 1 (Section 438.043, Health and Safety Code) of this Act.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 438.043, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

- (a) Requires that the Texas Board of Health (board) by rule to establish the course content required for accreditation of education and training programs for food service workers under Sections 438.042(a) and (b). Deletes language regarding training program requirements.
- (b) Requires the Texas Department of Health (department), in addition to the course requirements in Subsection (a), to require students of a program to take an examination approved by the department to assist the department in evaluating the program. Deletes language regarding training program requirements.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 438.046(b), Health and Safety Code, to require a local health jurisdiction that requires training for a food service worker to accept as sufficient to meet the jurisdiction's training and testing requirements a training course that is accredited by the department and listed with the registry unless the department has found or has reason to believe that the provider of the course breached test security, issued counterfeit certificates, or provided students with test answers. Deletes language regarding a food worker training course for a single entity.

SECTION 3. Repealer: Section 438.042(b) (Duties of Board), Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amends As Filed S.B. 1373, by adding language to Section 438.046(b) regarding the department finding or have reason to believe that the provider of the course breached test security, issued counterfeit certificates, or provided students with test answers.