

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain medical care providers are contracted with to provide health care for inmates in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (department). While the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee (committee) oversees medical care for these inmates and investigates medical grievances, medical care providers are not obligated to act on these grievances. As proposed, S.B. 1582 requires a medical care provider to respond to a medical grievance inquiry referred by the department or the committee not later than the 20th day after the date the grievance is referred to the provider.

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 Section 501.150, Government Code, by adding Subsection (d), to require a medical care provider, if the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (department) refers a medical grievance to the medical care provider, to respond to the grievance inquiry not later than the 20th day after the date the department refers the grievance.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 501.151, Government Code, by adding Subsection (d), to require a medical care provider, if the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee (committee) refers a medical grievance to the medical care provider, to respond to the grievance inquiry not later than the 20th day after the date the committee refers the grievance.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.
Makes application of this Act prospective.