

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1285  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Texas has a successful birth defects registry program. As proposed, S.B. 1285 strengthens the registry by requiring its existence, rather than authorizing it.

### **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 87.021(a), Health and Safety Code, to require, rather than authorize, the Texas Board of Health to establish in the Texas Department of Health a program to identify and investigate certain birth defects in children, and maintain a central registry of cases of birth defects.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.