

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It appears to be desirable to rearrange the duties of the county attorney and district attorney in Fort Bend County with respect to children's protective services. H.B. 3263 transfers those duties from the district attorney to the county attorney.

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 43.181, Government Code, by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f-1), as follows:

(c) Includes that the district attorney has the powers, duties, and privileges in Fort Bend County (county) relating to family law and juvenile matters, except as provided by Subsection (f-1), rather than including children's protective services, and protective orders under Title 4 (Protective Orders and Family Violence), rather than Chapter 71 (Definitions), Family Code.

(f-1) Provides that the district attorney has no power, duty, or privilege in the county relating to a matter involving children's protective services.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 45.179, Government Code, by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d), as follows:

(c-1) Provides that the county attorney has the powers, duties, and privileges in the county relating to matters involving children's protective services.

(d) Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2005.