

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, playgrounds consist of play stations as opposed to three or more separate apparatuses. This bill amends Section 481.134(a)(3) (relating to the definition of a "playground"), Health and Safety Code, by expanding the definition to include "play station," rather than "separate apparatus." The change in language is intended to modernize the definition of a playground to ensure that crimes that occur on playgrounds can be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and more accurately describe the restrictions placed on convicted sexual predators.

H.B. 2467 amends current law relating to the definition of a playground for purposes of certain places protected from certain criminal activities.

### **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 481.134(a)(3), Health and Safety Code, to redefine "playground."

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2009.