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Amendment Floor Report for HB 636 – Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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 (Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Sunset Bill)

Author	Analysis	Recommendation
<p>Schaefer E870003</p>	<p>This amendment creates a Career and Technology Education (CTE) Program for high school students to obtain a tradesman plumber license upon graduation through programming developed by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE). This bill requires the Texas Education Agency to approve programs designed by TSBPE, upon which Texas schools would offer plumber certifications through CTE programs statewide. The amendment authorizes TSBPE to issue a "Tradesman plumber limited license holder" license to an individual that successfully completes the CTE program curriculum. The amendment would exempt individuals enrolled in this CTE from registering as a plumber's apprentice with the TSBPE or paying any registration fee while enrolled in the program. CTE program instructors are required to be a licensed master plumber, journeyman plumber, or plumbing inspector and these instructors are exempted from paying license renewal fees.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Thompson, Senfronia E870001</p>	<p>This amendment statutorily removes the board's enforcement committee and changes language to refer to just the board, removing requirements for field representatives from the enforcement committee to provide citations. If the board determines a violation has been made, they are to submit notice to the person who committed the violation, and municipal plumbing investigators are to issue citations within municipalities rather than a TSBPE field representative. These changes are recommended by the Sunset Review Board.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Thompson, Senfronia E870002</p>	<p>This reciprocity amendment allows TSBPE to waive prerequisites for plumbing licensure for plumbers with licensure from other states whose licensure standards are substantially equivalent to Texas licensing requirements. Out-of-state applicants wishing to receive a prerequisite waiver must apply in the same manner as regular licensees and provide the board with relevant documentation substantiating the applicant's qualifications. These changes are recommended by the Sunset Review Board.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

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