

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Texas Local Government Code establishes civil service requirements for fire fighters and police officers in cities with a population of 10,000 or more that have adopted the Fire Fighter and Police Officer Civil Service Act. However, when someone files a complaint against a fire fighter or police officer in Houston, the only notice that is required to be given to that person is 48 hours prior to having to appear to defend the action. H.B. 2361 requires the investigator to inform the fire fighter or police officer in writing of the nature of the complaint and the name of each person making the complaint within 30 days of receiving the complaint and provides an exception to notification for criminal investigations.

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 143.123(e), Local Government Code, to require the investigator, not later than the 30th day after the date that a complaint is received by an investigator, to inform the fire fighter or police officer in writing of the nature of the investigation and the name of each person who complained about the fire fighter or police officer, if known, concerning the matters under investigation unless certain exceptions apply.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.
Makes application of this Act prospective.