

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1850  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law privatizes numerous government functions. Private companies receiving government money to perform government functions are not required to make those records available to the public. C.S.S.B. 1850 would require private companies receiving government money to perform government functions to make those records available to the public and at a reasonable cost.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1850 outlines provisions regarding the requirement of public disclosure of information by the governing bodies of entities that are parties to certain contracts with the state.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 552.003, Government Code, to redefine "governmental body" and define "certain public functions or services." Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 552.021, Government Code, to set forth provisions regarding the availability of public information. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.  
Makes application of this Act prospective to September 4, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amends proposed relating clause.

#### SECTION 1.

Amends Section 552.003, Government Code, to redefine "governmental body" and define "certain public functions or services." Deletes the definition of "governmental function."

#### SECTION 2.

Amends Section 552.021, Government Code, regarding the availability of public information.

#### SECTION 3.

Deletes SECTION 3, and renumbers existing SECTIONS regarding the effective date and the emergency clause.