

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law authorizes the General Services Commission to determine a charge schedule for governmental bodies responding to open records requests. While this charge schedule is provided to allow governmental bodies to recover the costs of responding to private requests, some governmental bodies choose to use this charge schedule to require payment from other governmental bodies requesting information. S.B. 279 would require a governmental body to provide without charge a copy of public information requested by another governmental body for an official purpose.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 279 requires a governmental body to provide without charge one copy of public information requested for an official purpose by another governmental body under the open records law.

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 552.267, Governmental Code, to require a governmental body to provide without charge one copy of public information that is requested for an official purpose by another governmental body.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.