

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, it is an offense to disclose to a member of the public a certified agenda or tape recording of a meeting that was lawfully closed to the public. School boards often hear grievances in closed meetings. On an appeal to the commissioner of education, a school district is required to provide records of the hearings. This may be a violation of law pertaining to closed meetings. H.B. 3463 provides that a disclosure of records to the commissioner of education by a school district is not a violation of law.

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 7.057(c), Education Code, to provides that a school district's disclosure of the record to the commissioner of education (commissioner) under this section is not an offense under Section 551.146, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 21.301(b), Education Code, to provide that a school district's filing of the record of the commissioner under this subsection is not an offense under Section 551.146, Government Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.