

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, a government body is not required to accept or comply with a request made under the Public Information Act from an individual who is imprisoned or confined in a correctional facility. There is, however, some confusion as to whether the definition of “correctional facility” includes federal prisons or prisons located outside of Texas. As proposed, S.B. 840 redefines “correctional facility” as any place designated by the law of this state, another state, or the federal government for the confinement of a person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a criminal offense.

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 552.028(c), Government Code, to redefine “correctional facility” in this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.