

- SUBJECT:** Making copies of certain records submitted to TCOLE confidential
- COMMITTEE:** Homeland Security and Public Safety — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — P. King, Nevárez, Burns, Hinojosa, Holland, J. Johnson, Metcalf, Schaefer, Wray
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Bill Kelly, City of Houston Mayor's Office; Mitch Landry, Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA); Deborah Ingersoll, Texas State Troopers Association)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* John Beauchamp, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement)
- BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code, ch. 1701, subch. J governs employment records of law enforcement. Sec. 1701.454 establishes that all information submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under subch. J is confidential and not subject to disclosure under public information laws, except in certain circumstances. Some suggest it is unclear whether current law applies to the copies of employment records that are retained by law enforcement agencies, which can result in confusion or inadvertent noncompliance.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2050 would make confidential copies of information submitted under Occupations Code, ch. 1701, subch. J that were retained by the submitting law enforcement agency.
- This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.