

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Open Records Act states that people should have access to information about the affairs of their government and the official acts of public officials and employees. Although part of the Open Records Act exempts certain personal information contained in personnel files, employee evaluations and the majority of personnel files are available with the proper request. This bill clarifies that the employee evaluations of community supervision officers are confidential.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1667 clarifies that the employee evaluations of community supervision officers are confidential.

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 76.006, Government Code, by adding Subsection (f), to provide that a document evaluating the performance of an officer of the community supervision and corrections department who supervises defendants placed on community supervision is confidential.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.