

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the open records law affects types of information available to the public. Texas law exempts a draft or working paper involved in the preparation of proposed legislation from the open records law. This bill excludes internal bill analyses or working papers prepared or collected by the governor's office for the purpose of evaluating proposed legislation from open records law.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3157 excludes internal bill analyses or working papers prepared or collected by the governor's office for the purpose of evaluating proposed legislation from 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 552.106, Government Code, to provide that an internal bill analysis or working paper prepared by the governor's office for the purpose of evaluating proposed legislation is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021.

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