

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, state law does not allow a municipal employer to use its own police department to perform a criminal background check on an applicant who is applying for a municipal position. Cities must request this information through the Department of Public Safety (DPS), by mail or by Internet. However, DPS charges a fee for the request and the process of submitting a request and receiving a response by mail may be slow. H.B. 2925 would entitle a municipality to obtain from a law enforcement agency of the municipality with access to the information, criminal history record information regarding an applicant for municipal employment.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2925 authorizes a municipality to use its own law enforcement agency to access information and perform a criminal history of an applicant for municipal employment.

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 411.129(a), Government Code, to include a law enforcement agency of the municipality with access to criminal history information among the entities from which a municipality is entitled to obtain criminal history information regarding an applicant for municipal employment.

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