

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the comptroller of public accounts compiles information regarding taxes. The tax information could be provided to a county or municipality that would produce reports critical to forecasting budgeting needs of their crime prevention programs. S.B. 1256 would authorize the comptroller to provide certain information to a crime control and prevention district for economic forecasting purposes.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1256 authorizes the comptroller of public accounts to provide certain tax information to a crime and prevention district.

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 Chapter 323D, Tax Code, by adding Section 323.3022, as follows:

Sec. 323.3022. CRIME CONTROL DISTRICT TAX INFORMATION. Requires the comptroller to provide to a crime control and prevention district (district) that has adopted a tax under this chapter information relating to the amount of tax paid to the district by each person doing business in the area of the district who annually remits to the comptroller state and local sales tax payments of more than \$100,000. Requires the request to be made in writing by the district's chief administrative officer. Provides that the information is confidential, not open to public inspection, and may be used only for economic forecasting. Authorizes the comptroller to set and collect reasonable fees from a district to cover the expenses of compiling and providing the information.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.