

BILL ANALYSIS

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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas law generally provides that all information gathered by a government body must be made available to the public upon request unless otherwise excepted. As proposed, C.S.S.B. 15 provides an exception to otherwise required public disclosure of records relating to the location, employees, volunteers, clients, and private donors of family violence shelter centers and sexual assault programs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 552C, Government Code, by adding Section 552.136, as follows:

Sec. 552.136. EXCEPTION: FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER CENTER AND SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM INFORMATION. Defines “family violence shelter center” and “sexual assault program.” Provides that information maintained by a family violence shelter center or sexual assault program is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it relates to certain matters.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Differs from As Filed version by amending Section 552.136, Government Code, to provide exceptions from the requirements of Section 552.021 for information maintained by a family violence shelter or sexual assault program.