

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 661  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, information regarding special needs inmates may only be shared with certain authorized state agencies and certain people contracted by those agencies. C.S.S.B. 661 adds a municipal or county health department, a hospital district, certain judges, a special needs offender's attorney, and an attorney representing the state to the list of entities or individuals who are authorized to receive information regarding such inmates.

### **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 Section 614.017(c)(1), Health and Safety Code, to redefine "agency."

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

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 1. Differs from original by adding an attorney representing the state to those individuals and entities included in the definition of "agency."

SECTION 2. No change.