

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas's Public Information Act leaves county emergency preparedness plans vulnerable to individuals who could utilize information in those plans to put citizens of this state at risk. As proposed, S.B. 711 exempts from the Public Information Act a county's emergency preparedness plans with sensitive information relating to infrastructure that could be jeopardized by disclosure.

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 552.149, as follows:

Sec. 552.149. EXCEPTION: CERTAIN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS OF COUNTY. Exempts a county's emergency preparedness plan from Section 552.021 (Availability of Public Information) if the plan contains sensitive information relating to privately owned critical infrastructures or facilities and the safety or security thereof could be jeopardized by disclosure of the emergency preparedness plan.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.