

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current Texas law allows public-private partnerships to be utilized in the creation of projects for which there is a public purpose or need. A "technology facility," such as a technology incubator or cloud computing facility, is not currently included on the list of qualifying projects in those provisions.

H.B. 768 seeks to better serve the declared public need by allowing the use of public-private partnerships to create needed projects such as technology incubators, cloud computing facilities, and other information technology projects.

H.B. 768 amends current law relating to the application of the public and private facilities and infrastructure contracting requirements to technology facilities.

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 2267.001(10), Government Code, as added by Chapter 1334 (S.B. 1048), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, to redefine "qualifying project" to include a technology facility.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.