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H.B. No. 3687

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of lobbying contract information by political subdivisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 556, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 556.0056 to read as follows:

Sec. 556.0056. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN LOBBYING CONTRACT INFORMATION. (a) A political subdivision shall prominently display on the political subdivision's Internet website the following information regarding contracts for services executed by the political subdivision that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305:

(1) the execution dates;

(2) the contract duration terms, including any extension options;

(3) the effective dates;

(4) the final amount of money the political subdivision paid in the previous fiscal year;

(5) the identity of all parties to the contract;

(6) the identity of all subcontractors in the contract; and

(7) the legislative agenda of the political subdivision.

(b) In lieu of displaying the items described by Subsections

1 (a)(1)-(6) regarding a contract for services that would require a
2 person to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, a political
3 subdivision may post on the political subdivision's Internet
4 website the contract for those services.

5 (c) Information required to be displayed on a political
6 subdivision's Internet website under this section is public
7 information subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.