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H.B. No. 2679

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to closed meeting deliberation regarding defense and military issues.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 551, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 551.092 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.092. DELIBERATION REGARDING DEFENSE AND MILITARY ISSUES; CLOSED MEETING. (a) This section applies only to a governmental body described by Section 551.001(3)(A)

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) "defense, military, or aerospace issues" is defined as matters involving:

(A) the United States Department of Defense considering establishing headquarters, bases, missions, or other major facilities in Texas;

(B) the National Aeronautics and Space Administration considering establishing headquarters, missions, or other major facilities in Texas; or

(C) economic incentives a governmental body may offer to private entities or nonprofits to meet match or other requirements established by the United States Department of Defense or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in relation to grants or strategic endeavors.

(2) "National Aeronautics and Space Administration"

1 is defined as the federal agency described in 51 U.S.C. Section  
2 20111, as amended, and all offices and other entities within its  
3 organizational structure.

4 (3) "United States Department of Defense" is defined  
5 as the federal department described in 10 U.S.C. Section 111, as  
6 amended, and all departments, agencies, offices, and other entities  
7 within its organizational structure.

8 (c) This chapter does not require a governmental body to  
9 conduct an open meeting to discuss or deliberate defense, military,  
10 or aerospace issues.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.