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H.B. No. 54

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to excepting certain budgetary working papers from required public disclosure.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 401, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 401.0446 to read as follows:

Sec. 401.0446. BUDGETARY WORKING PAPERS. (a) In this section, "budgetary working paper" means information, other than a uniform budget estimate form, that is created, received, considered, or otherwise used by a governmental body in estimating revenues or in considering or preparing a draft or final biennial state fiscal budget or appropriations bill, including a draft, a working paper, supporting material, research material, or an internal or external communication relating to that budget or appropriations bill.

(b) A budgetary working paper that is collected, assembled, or maintained by the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, comptroller, Legislative Budget Board, senate finance committee, senate state affairs committee, house appropriations committee, or house ways and means committee is excepted from required public disclosure under Chapter 552 or any other law of this state. Section 552.022 does not apply to information excepted from required public disclosure by this section.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
6 legislative session.