

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2455
By: Chisum
State Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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- Texas Food and Health Advisory Council
- Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee
- Texas Environmental Education Partnership Fund

The bill also provides that the working papers of the Sunset Advisory Commission are not subject to public disclosure and specifies certain records that fall under the working paper exception.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.

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