

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3062
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

According to Chapter 51 of the Human Resources Code, the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) is not required to disclose information collected through reports, collected case data or inspections that would identify a particular center or a person working at or receiving services at a family violence center or special project. The current language has caused a problem for DHS, because DHS gets information from sources other than those identified in the statute, such as complaint information. Most recently, the Texas Attorney General ruled that DHS must release center information because the information was not obtained through the defined exemptions in statute.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

House Bill 3062 amends the Human Resources Code to prohibit the Department of Human Services from disclosing any information that would identify a particular family violence center location, a board member of a family violence center or a family violence special project, or a person working at or receiving services through a family violence center or family violence special project.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage if the Act receives the necessary vote, or if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.