

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, public hospitals are given access to the Texas Department of Public Safety(DPS) criminal information database to perform background checks on hospital employees and applicants. However, private nonprofit hospitals are denied access to that source of information. S.B. 567 adds private nonprofit hospitals to the definition of “hospitals” that are authorized to access the DPS criminal information database.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 411.136, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 411.136. New heading: ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION: CERTAIN HOSPITALS AND HOSPITAL DISTRICTS. Deletes existing text “PUBLIC” from the heading.

- (a) Defines “ nonprofit hospital.” Makes conforming changes.
- (b) Adds nonprofit hospital to types of hospitals entitled to obtain criminal history record information. Deletes existing text “public” as a modifier for hospital and “hospital” as a modifier for district regarding the types of places certain persons are applying for positions.
- (c)-(g) Make conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.