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H.B. No. 1177

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application of the open meetings law to certain health maintenance organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551.085, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.085. GOVERNING BOARD OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES. This chapter does not require the governing board of a municipal hospital, municipal hospital authority, hospital district created under general or special law, health maintenance organization created under Section 281.0515, Health and Safety Code, or nonprofit health maintenance organization created under Section 534.101, Health and Safety Code, to conduct an open meeting to deliberate:

(1) pricing or financial planning information relating to a bid or negotiation for the arrangement or provision of services or product lines to another person if disclosure of the information would give advantage to competitors of the hospital, hospital district, health maintenance organization, or nonprofit health maintenance organization; or

(2) information relating to a proposed new service or product line of the hospital, hospital district, health maintenance organization, or nonprofit health maintenance organization before publicly announcing the service or product line.

1           SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.