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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to meetings to exchange information regarding emergency management plans relating to pipeline safety.

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

SECTION 1. Section 418.106, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) Each local or interjurisdictional agency shall conduct at least one public meeting each calendar year to exchange information about its emergency management plan. Each agency shall provide written notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting, not later than the fifth day before the meeting, to the pipeline safety section of the gas services division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

(e) An emergency management plan of an agency is excepted from the requirements of Subsection (d) if:

(1) the emergency management plan contains sensitive information relating to critical infrastructures or facilities;
and

(2) the safety or security of those infrastructures or facilities could be jeopardized by disclosure of the emergency management plan.

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