

1-1 By: West (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 1512
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Infrastructure Development and Security; May 20, 2003, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 20, 2003, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to meetings to exchange information regarding emergency
1-10 management plans relating to pipeline safety.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 418.106, Government Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-14 (d) Each local or interjurisdictional agency shall conduct
1-15 at least one public meeting each calendar year to exchange
1-16 information about its emergency management plan. Each agency shall
1-17 provide written notice of the date, time, and location of the
1-18 meeting, not later than the fifth day before the meeting, to the
1-19 pipeline safety section of the gas services division of the
1-20 Railroad Commission of Texas.

1-21 (e) An emergency management plan of an agency is excepted
1-22 from the requirements of Subsection (d) if:

1-23 (1) the emergency management plan contains sensitive
1-24 information relating to critical infrastructures or facilities;
1-25 and

1-26 (2) the safety or security of those infrastructures or
1-27 facilities could be jeopardized by disclosure of the emergency
1-28 management plan.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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