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S.B. No. 152

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the application of the open meetings law and the public
3 information law to meetings and information regarding certain
4 response plans of a municipal hospital or hospital district.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 551, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 551.090 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 551.090. CERTAIN DELIBERATIONS OF GOVERNING BOARD OF
9 MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL OR HOSPITAL DISTRICT. This chapter does not
10 require the governing board of a municipal hospital or a hospital
11 district created under general or special law to conduct an open
12 meeting to deliberate the details, or specific occasions for
13 implementation, of a plan for responding to a natural,
14 technological, or man-made hazard or to an act of terrorism.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 552.145 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 552.145. EXCEPTION: CERTAIN RESPONSE PLANS OF
18 MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL OR HOSPITAL DISTRICT. Information is excepted
19 from the requirements of Section 552.021 if:

20 (1) the information relates to a plan of a municipal
21 hospital or a hospital district for responding to a natural,
22 technological, or man-made hazard or to an act of terrorism; and

23 (2) the municipal hospital or hospital district
24 believes that disclosure of the information would interfere with

1 the implementation of that response plan by the municipal hospital
2 or hospital district.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.