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S.B. No. 984

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 984:

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C.S.S.B. No. 984

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to excepting certain governmental bodies from
3 deliberating in an open meeting certain matters that involve the
4 medical or psychiatric records of an individual.

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 551.0785 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 551.0785. DELIBERATIONS INVOLVING MEDICAL OR
9 PSYCHIATRIC RECORDS OF INDIVIDUALS. This chapter does not require
10 a benefits appeals committee for a public self-funded health plan
11 or a governmental body that administers a public insurance, health,
12 or retirement plan to conduct an open meeting to deliberate:

13 (1) the medical records or psychiatric records of an
14 individual applicant for a benefit from the plan; or

15 (2) a matter that includes a consideration of
16 information in the medical or psychiatric records of an individual
17 applicant for a benefit from the plan.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.