

AN ACT

relating to access to criminal history record information by a county fire marshal.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1237 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1237. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION: COUNTY FIRE MARSHALS. (a) On request of the department chief or chief executive of a fire department or an emergency medical services provider for an unincorporated area, a county fire marshal is entitled to obtain from the department criminal history record information maintained by the department that relates to:

(1) an applicant for employment or membership with the requesting department or provider; or

(2) an employee or member of the requesting department or provider.

(b) The county fire marshal may disclose criminal history record information obtained under Subsection (a) to the department chief or chief executive of the requesting fire department or emergency medical services provider, except that the county fire marshal may disclose criminal history record information obtained by the department from the Federal Bureau of Investigation only to governmental entities or as authorized by federal law, federal

executive order, or federal rule.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1459 passed the Senate on May 13, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1459 passed the House on May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor