

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 455  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Adult community supervision officers or probation officers as they are commonly known as, provide a great service to our community by monitoring the activity of criminal offenders and helping to rehabilitate these offenders. Yet their personal information remains open and easily accessible to the general public, including the criminal offenders on probation which they supervise.

The purpose of C.S.H.B. 455 is to provide for the personal information of adult probation officers and employees of a probation department to be kept confidential.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 455 provides that personal information of community supervision and corrections department employees be kept confidential from the general public if it relates to their home address, home telephone number, or social security number. The bill amends the Tax Code and the Government Code to restrict public access of personal information for Texas' adult probation department employees.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2007.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

C.S.H.B. 455 modifies the original by correcting a misprint error in the original draft on page 2, line 16. The substitute refers to Section 552.1175(a), Government Code, where the original referred to Section 557.1175 (a), Government Code.