

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1071
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State Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Government Code contains certain statutes that have been construed to except certain information concerning an employee or trustee of a public employee pension system, such as income, salary, benefits, and bonuses received from the pension system, from requirements and application of the Public Information Act.

S.B. 1071 clarifies that this type of information concerning employees or trustees of a public employee pension system is public information under the Public Information Act.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

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S.B. 1071 amends Subchapter B, Chapter 552, Government Code, by adding Section 552.0221, to establish that information concerning the employment of an employee of a public employee pension system, or concerning the service of a trustee of a public employee pension system, including information concerning the income, salary, benefits, and bonuses received from the pension system by the employee or trustee in the person's capacity as an employee or trustee of the system, is public information under the open records law. The bill provides that such information is neither made confidential nor removed from the application of the open records law, or otherwise excepted from required public availability under that law, by any statute intended to protect the records of persons as members, beneficiaries, or retirees of a public employee pension system in their capacity as such. The bill requires information concerning the employment of an employee or a public employee pension system or concerning the service of a trustee of a public employee pension system

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage or September 1, 2009.