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SECTION 1. Section 151.327, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 151.327. SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SCHOOL BACKPACKS BEFORE START OF SCHOOL. (a) In this section:

(1) "Backpack" means a messenger bag, book bag, or a pack with straps that a person wears on the person's back, including a backpack with wheels if the backpack can also be worn on the back. The term does not include an item that is commonly considered luggage, a briefcase, an athletic bag, a duffle bag, a gym bag, a computer bag, a purse, or a framed backpack.

(2) "School supply" has the meaning assigned by the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement adopted November 12, 2002, including all amendments made to the agreement on or before December 14, 2006.

(a-1) The sale or storage, use, or other consumption of a school supply or a school backpack is exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter if the school supply or backpack is purchased:

(1) for use by a student in a public or private elementary or secondary school;

(2) during the period described by Section 151.326(a)(2); and

(3) for a sales price of less than \$100.

(b) A retailer is not required to obtain an exemption certificate stating that school supplies or school backpacks are purchased for use by students in a public or private elementary or secondary school unless the

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school supplies or backpacks are purchased in a quantity that indicates that the school supplies or backpacks are not purchased for use by students in a public or private elementary or secondary school.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not affect taxes imposed before the effective date of this Act, and the law in effect before the effective date of this Act is continued in effect for purposes of the liability for and collection of those taxes.

No equivalent provision.

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SECTION __. Subsection (c), Section 151.027, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) This section does not prohibit:

- (1) the examination of information, if authorized by the comptroller, by another state officer or law enforcement officer, by a tax official of another state, by a tax official of the United Mexican States, or by an official of the United States if a reciprocal agreement exists;
- (2) the delivery to a taxpayer, or a taxpayer's authorized representative, of a copy of a report or other paper filed by the taxpayer under this chapter;
- (3) the publication of statistics classified to prevent the identification of a particular report or items in a particular report;
- (4) the use of records, reports, or information secured, derived, or obtained by the attorney general or the comptroller in an action under this chapter against the same taxpayer who furnished the information;

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(5) the delivery to a successor, receiver, executor, administrator, assignee, or guarantor of a taxpayer of information about items included in the measure and amounts of any unpaid tax or amounts of tax, penalties, and interest required to be collected;

(6) the delivery of information to a municipality, county, or other local governmental entity [~~an eligible municipality~~] in accordance with Section 321.3022, 322.2022, or 323.3022; or

(7) the release of information in or derived from a record, report, or other instrument required to be furnished under this chapter by a governmental body, as that term is defined in Section 552.003, Government Code.

SECTION __. Section 321.3022, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (a-1), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "other local governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by Section 321.107.

(a-1) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the comptroller on request shall provide to a municipality or other local governmental entity that has adopted a tax under this chapter:

(1) information relating to the amount of tax paid to the municipality or other local governmental entity under this chapter during the preceding or current calendar year by each person doing business in the municipality or

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other local governmental entity who annually remits to the comptroller state and local sales tax payments of more than \$25,000; and

(2) any other information as provided by this section.

(a-2) [~~(a-1)~~] The comptroller on request shall provide to a municipality or other local governmental entity that has adopted a tax under this chapter and that does not impose an ad valorem tax information relating to the amount of tax paid to the municipality or other local governmental entity under this chapter during the preceding or current calendar year by each person doing business in the municipality or other local governmental entity who annually remits to the comptroller state and local sales tax payments of more than \$500.

(b) The comptroller on request shall provide to a municipality or other local governmental entity that has adopted a tax under this chapter information relating to the amount of tax paid to the municipality or other local governmental entity under this chapter during the preceding or current calendar year by each person doing business in an area, as defined by the municipality or other local governmental entity, that is part of:

- (1) an interlocal agreement;
- (2) a tax abatement agreement;
- (3) a reinvestment zone;
- (4) a tax increment financing district;
- (5) a revenue sharing agreement;
- (6) an enterprise zone;
- (7) a neighborhood empowerment zone;

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(8) any other agreement, zone, or district similar to those listed in Subdivisions (1)-(7); or

(9) any area defined by the municipality or other local governmental entity for the purpose of economic forecasting.

(d) If the request for information under Subsection (b) involves not more than three persons doing business in the defined area who remit taxes under this chapter, the comptroller shall refuse to provide the information to the municipality or other local governmental entity unless the comptroller receives permission from each of the persons allowing the comptroller to provide the information to the municipality or other local governmental entity as requested.

(e) A separate request for information under this section must be made in writing by the municipality's mayor or chief administrative officer or by the governing body of the other local governmental entity each year.

(f) Information received by a municipality or other local governmental entity under this section is confidential, is not open to public inspection, and may be used only for the purpose of economic forecasting, for internal auditing of a tax paid to the municipality or other local governmental entity under this chapter, or for the purpose described in Subsection (g).

(g) Information received by a municipality or other local governmental entity under Subsection (b) may be used by the municipality or other local governmental entity to assist in determining revenue sharing under a revenue

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sharing agreement or other similar agreement.

(h) The comptroller may set and collect from a municipality or other local governmental entity reasonable fees to cover the expense of compiling and providing information under this section.

(i) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, the governing body of a municipality or other local governmental entity is not required to confer with one or more employees or a third party in an open meeting to receive information or question the employees or third party regarding the information received by the municipality or other local governmental entity under this section.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION __. Subchapter C, Chapter 322, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 322.2022 to read as follows:

Sec. 322.2022. TAX INFORMATION. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the comptroller on request shall provide to a taxing entity:

(1) information relating to the amount of tax paid to the entity under this chapter during the preceding or current calendar year by each person doing business in the area included in the entity who annually remits to the comptroller state and local sales tax payments of more than \$25,000; and

(2) any other information as provided by this section.

(b) The comptroller on request shall provide to a taxing entity information relating to the amount of tax paid to the entity under this chapter during the preceding or

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current calendar year by each person doing business in an area included in the entity, as defined by the entity, that is part of:

(1) an interlocal agreement;

(2) a revenue sharing agreement;

(3) any other agreement similar to those listed in Subdivisions (1) and (2); or

(4) any area defined by the entity for the purpose of economic forecasting.

(c) The comptroller shall provide the information under Subsection (b) as an aggregate total for all persons doing business in the defined area without disclosing individual tax payments.

(d) If the request for information under Subsection (b) involves not more than three persons doing business in the defined area who remit taxes under this chapter, the comptroller shall refuse to provide the information to the taxing entity unless the comptroller receives permission from each of the persons allowing the comptroller to provide the information to the entity as requested.

(e) A separate request for information under this section must be made in writing by the governing body of the taxing entity each year.

(f) Information received by a taxing entity under this section is confidential, is not open to public inspection, and may be used only for the purpose of economic forecasting, for internal auditing of a tax paid to the entity under this chapter, or for the purpose described by Subsection (g).

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(g) Information received by a taxing entity under Subsection (b) may be used by the entity to assist in determining revenue sharing under a revenue sharing agreement or other similar agreement.

(h) The comptroller may set and collect from a taxing entity reasonable fees to cover the expense of compiling and providing information under this section.

(i) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, the governing body of a taxing entity is not required to confer with one or more employees or a third party in an open meeting to receive information or question the employees or third party regarding the information received by the entity under this section.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION __. Subchapter D, Chapter 323, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 323.3022 to read as follows:

Sec. 323.3022. TAX INFORMATION. (a) In this section, "other local governmental entity" includes any governmental entity created by the legislature that has a limited purpose or function, that has a defined or restricted geographic territory, and that is authorized by law to impose a local sales and use tax the imposition, computation, administration, enforcement, and collection of which is governed by this chapter.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the comptroller on request shall provide to a county or other local governmental entity that has adopted a tax under this chapter:

(1) information relating to the amount of tax paid to the

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county or other local governmental entity under this chapter during the preceding or current calendar year by each person doing business in the county or other local governmental entity who annually remits to the comptroller state and local sales tax payments of more than \$25,000; and

(2) any other information as provided by this section.

(c) The comptroller on request shall provide to a county or other local governmental entity that has adopted a tax under this chapter information relating to the amount of tax paid to the county or other local governmental entity under this chapter during the preceding or current calendar year by each person doing business in an area, as defined by the county or other local governmental entity, that is part of:

(1) an interlocal agreement;

(2) a tax abatement agreement;

(3) a reinvestment zone;

(4) a tax increment financing district;

(5) a revenue sharing agreement;

(6) an enterprise zone;

(7) any other agreement, zone, or district similar to those listed in Subdivisions (1)-(6); or

(8) any area defined by the county or other local governmental entity for the purpose of economic forecasting.

(d) The comptroller shall provide the information under Subsection (c) as an aggregate total for all persons doing business in the defined area without disclosing individual

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tax payments.

(e) If the request for information under Subsection (c) involves not more than three persons doing business in the defined area who remit taxes under this chapter, the comptroller shall refuse to provide the information to the county or other local governmental entity unless the comptroller receives permission from each of the persons allowing the comptroller to provide the information to the county or other local governmental entity as requested.

(f) A separate request for information under this section must be made in writing each year by the county judge or the governing body of the other local governmental entity.

(g) Information received by a county or other local governmental entity under this section is confidential, is not open to public inspection, and may be used only for the purpose of economic forecasting, for internal auditing of a tax paid to the county or other local governmental entity under this chapter, or for the purpose described by Subsection (h).

(h) Information received by a county or other local governmental entity under Subsection (c) may be used by the county or other local governmental entity to assist in determining revenue sharing under a revenue sharing agreement or other similar agreement.

(i) The comptroller may set and collect from a county or other local governmental entity reasonable fees to cover the expense of compiling and providing information

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under this section.

(j) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, the commissioners court of a county or the governing body of the other local governmental entity is not required to confer with one or more employees or a third party in an open meeting to receive information or question the employees or third party regarding the information received by the county or other local governmental entity under this section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 2009, if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that date, this Act takes effect October 1, 2009.

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