

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 2978 amends Section 551.085(a) (relating to excluding certain entities from being required to conduct an open meeting for certain purposes) by granting county hospitals and county hospitals authorities the same exclusion.

H.B. 2978 amends current law relating to the applicability of open meetings requirements to certain meetings of the governing board of a county hospital or county hospital authority.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 551.085(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that this chapter does not require the governing board of a municipal hospital, municipal hospital authority, county hospital, county hospital authority, hospital district created under general or special law, or nonprofit health maintenance organization created under Section 534.101 (Health Maintenance Organization Certificate of Authority), Health and Safety Code, to conduct an open meeting to deliberate pricing or financial planning information relating to a bid or negotiation for the arrangement or provision of services or product lines to another person if disclosure of the information would give advantage to competitors of the hospital, hospital district, or nonprofit health maintenance organization; or information relating to a proposed new service or product line of the hospital, hospital district, or nonprofit health maintenance organization before publicly announcing the service or product line.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2011.